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The PacifiCorp plan to invest up to 1.3 billion dollars over the next decade to meet environmental guidelines and prolong the life of coal plants is a poor allocation of rate payer dollars.

Has this plan made any allowances for the newly enacted EPA regulations that requires substantially more investment than ever before to achieve required emission levels? Investing in coal is a risk. Because it is a 'dirty' fuel it will continue to be a target for ever increasing emission standards.

Investing in wind and solar makes economic sense. Wind is the cheapest form of electricity generation and utility scale solar projects are competitive with fossil fuels. Investments in these generation sources reduces the overall environmental load that PacifiCorp produces and aids in compliance with environmental requirements as fully as adding new stack emission controls to coal plants.

Simply reject PacifiCorp's proposed plan and require a proposal that takes advantage of renewable resources and network/power grid improvements.

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