

September 20, 2019

Bob Rowe, Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Bob:

During this global climate strike, I wish we were celebrating NorthWestern Energy's successful, cooperative agreement with the Missoula City Council and Board of County Commissioners to provide wind and solar energy for Missoula's 120,000 residents. As you know, both local government entities unanimously passed a resolution to move to renewable energy by 2030.

Instead, NorthWestern Energy wants to purchase more coal and methane power.

We read headline after headline about the lengths your company will go to prevent:

- new wind-generated power,
- new commercial or rooftop solar development, what your lobbyist called "*a cancer on the system,*" and
- any sort of modern storage capacity to save renewable power for peak loads.

Your failure puts Montanans at great risk.

Look out your window. Fossil fuels are destroying the planet. Extreme weather is becoming the norm. The seas are rising. Species are going extinct. And more people face food insecurity every day.

The people won't let you continue burning fossil fuel because it is a crime against future generations. The money you make today from burning fossil fuels should not distract you from your moral responsibility.

We Montanans must take advantage of the closure of the Colstrip plants to move rapidly to 100 percent renewable electric generation. Our neighboring states are demonstrating that we have the technology, the workers, and the money to do so.

Withdraw your proposals for the methane gas plants. Withdraw your efforts to discourage rooftop solar. Stop investing in 19th century technologies like coal and get to work on 21st century solutions. Stop the woe-is-me and start the can-do. **NOW.**

Sincerely,

Name

Address

City, State, Zip