

SIERRA CLUB STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO PPL MONTANA'S OFFICIAL RETIREMENT OF J.E. CORETTE COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT

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BILLINGS, Mont.--Today, PPL Montana announced it will permanently retire the J.E. Corette power plant in Billings, Mont., based on declining markets for coal electricity and the cost of necessary plant upgrades.

In response, Mike Scott of the Sierra Club's Billings office released the following statement:

"It's good to see PPL Montana recognize that the costs of coal are no longer competitive with clean renewables and other energy sources, especially with an old, outdated plant like Corette that doesn't have modern pollution controls. Electricity customers in Montana— and Washington, where PPL's Colstrip power plant sends much of its power—want clean energy from our state, not dirty coal. Moving forward, we want to see PPL and other companies creating thoughtful transition plans that protect affected workers and help them move into jobs in growing energy sectors like wind and solar."

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