Dear Ms. Rees:

I wish to submit these public comments on the proposed Settlement Agreement (and Consent Decree) between WDOE and TransAlta for their Centralia Coal Plant.

The public is growing tired of this antiquated plant and its environmentally harmful emissions that contribute to air pollution and global warming. And closed-door sessions with TransAlta don’t meet the state’s mandate for public transparency, especially as legally binding agreements are unlikely to come from the former. I’d rather see better plant management that better protects fish and wildlife resources, even if that means a major change of operations for TransAlta to make them more viable in the 21st century.

Sincerely,

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