

Uneven CCA Requirements Threaten Economic Impact to Western Washington (Grays Harbor)

Hello,

I am writing to voice my concern about any but specifically the CCA singling out and wanting to penalize the cleanest thermal electric plant in Washington state. I currently work at Grays Harbor Energy and was involved in the recent upgrade of advanced gas path which is EFSEC approved and makes our plant even more carbon efficient than it was. Most of the other carbon-emitting power plants in Washington are peaking natural gas fired power plants, which emit 35% more CO₂e per unit of electricity. In the past these plants have been used sparingly but with the retirement of thermal generation (coal) and the imposition of significant carbon cost on plants like Grays Harbor, you can expect these plants to run more often emitting higher CO₂e per unit of electricity.

Also, the CCA imposes this cost on Grays Harbor and not on out of state competitors that sell outside of WA.

I am asking you to please take this into consideration as it severely impacts Grays Harbor Energy as we will have to pay double carbon credits. And could potentially cause the loss of good, waged jobs in the area.

Thank you. Tom Fagerness