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I fully support TransAlta's coal-to-gas conversion at the Centralia plant. Nat gas is far superior to natural gas for baseload and peaking power. It is abundant, domestically sourced, and delivers far higher energy density per unit, which means lower fuel costs, more stable prices, and less exposure to volatile global coal markets.

The Trump administration's emergency orders correctly recognize that premature coal retirements threaten grid reliability. Forcing this plant to stay open on coal while the conversion proceeds is the right call. For now however it shouldn't be closed permanently

I urge the Department of Ecology to approve the permit without delay and to require TransAlta to demonstrate, with real operating data, that the converted unit meets or exceeds the reliability and emissions performance claimed in the application. The public deserves proof, not promises. I am from Washington state I grew up there. I am currently just residing in California for school.