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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BILLINGS DIVISION

<p>PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY; AVISTA CORPORATION; PACIFICORP; and PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC., Plaintiffs, v. NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION; TALEN MONTANA, LLC; AUSTIN KNUDSEN, in his official capacity as Attorney General for the State of Montana, Defendants.</p>	<p>CV-21-47-SPW-KLD NOTICE OF NO POSITION OF DEFENDANT AUSTIN KNUDSEN RE: PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION</p>
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Defendant Austin Knudsen, in his official capacity as Attorney
General for the State of Montana (State), hereby notifies this Court that

the State takes no position on Plaintiffs' May 27, 2021 Motion for Preliminary Injunction. (Docs. 37–39.) Plaintiffs have represented that there is an operations and maintenance budget in place for Colstrip for the 2021 operating year, and that there is no risk they will close Colstrip in the immediate future. (Doc. 38 at 12, 35.)¹ In the same vein, the State does not anticipate enforcing Senate Bill 266 in the immediate future. As a preliminary injunction would have no immediate effect, the State takes no position on Plaintiffs' motion.

DATED this 17th day of June, 2021.

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¹ Pincite references refer to the court-stamped page numbers at the top of each page.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date I electronically filed the foregoing document with the clerk of the court for the United States District Court for the District of Montana, using cm/ecf system.

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Dated: June 17, 2021

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