

I cannot attend the 10/13/99 hearing or workshop regarding docket no. UE-991168, regarding electric system reliability (rulemaking).

This is an important topic for me, since South Whidbey Island suffers from frequent PSE electrical power outages from several hours to several days during most winters. Power service is simply not reliable at all. Outages cause my proprietorship to lose money.

We need greater competition. without it, PSE has no incentive to maintain adequate service.

The same holds for cable. Does your commission handle cable regulation?

Finally, do you have any information regarding the probable reliability of our power grid after Y2K occurs? I believe that our utilities should be required to submit audited statements from outside parties, certifying Y2K compliance.

Please keep me on your mailing list.

Thank you.

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