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No	Dale Kopley	Web	No to granting them another increase. Power bills are already too high. They need to stop the waste and work with what they have. Why can't fix income (senior citizens) get discounts? When will this every year increase stop? I live on a fixed income, like my neighbors.
	Evelyn L. Duim	Web	PHONE/RS I think they are asking way too much; 8.5 percent is too much. We are seniors on a fixed income. There are alot of people out of work and some living back with their parents. People are not able to get back into the workforce and they don't need this increase; especially not one so large.
	Lottie Voller	Web	TELEPHONE - DC I am not in favor of the increase and I'm totally against rates going up. I can't understand why Pacific Power can't make a profit. I am against the raise of 9.5%, because they just got a raise last year. This increase is hard on senior citizens and is ridiculous!
	James McLean	E-mail	the overall rquest is unreasonable. It would attack the economy of washington. the most dangerous part is the doubling of the monthly residential charge. the more you use the more should pay is the fairest way to go. this part directly attacks our poorest citizens. the second most troubling is the increase in return. investors get plenty now for their money. ppl does not lack investors. investors are pouring into utilities as we speak. please rember who you represent when considering this unreasonable resquest.

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	Tony and Rhonda St. George	E-mail	<p>I would like to voice my opinion on the proposed rate increase by PP&L of 9.5%.</p> <p>Why would you allow PP&L to increase their prices again? PP&L states that their costs have gone up. Has the price of water gone up? The last time I looked, water was free and running over the dams for hydroelectric power.</p> <p>I can see a rate increase once in a while to help with employees insurance and infrastructure maintenance, but we, the customers, just had a rate increase in early 2014 of about 10%. Now, PP&L wants another increase?</p> <p>If my opinion counts for anything, I would like to see the WA UTC deny PP&L's request for this increase. I don't feel it is justified.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to comment on this.</p>
	Walter Wierenga	Web	<p>Dear UTC,
Regarding Docket Numbr UE-140762

Pacific Power is requesting yet another increase in power rates. They are requesting an increase of an average of 8.5% with residential customers facing a 9.5% increase. Social security benefits rise by the cost of living-- 1.5% each year for the past couple years. 3 years ago, there was not increase at all because the cost of living stayed practically the same. These annual rate requests are getting tiresome and do begin to erode seniors net worth. If these rate increases continue, it will not take too many years before all of seniors' social security benefits will be consumed by the power companies. Please do not allow such a drastic increase, but limit it to the rise in inflation like the guidelines for social security raises dictate.

Thank You
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Sunnyside, WA</p>

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	mel young	Web	There seems to be a history of the utc being a rubber stamp for the rate increases for the various utility companies serving the state of Washington, could you please look at the proposed rate increase by PPL from a retired person's point of view for once? Enough already with the constant increase in utility rates, is the word NO in your vocabulary? Thank you very much.
	Dave Myhre	Web	Please do not allow PP&L to hike the rates again. Constantly are they asking of more than the rate of inflation. There are people who can barely now afford power. WHEN WILL THE REQUESTS FROM PP&L END FOR MORE MONEY. PLEASE PUT A STOP TO IT NOW.
	Jerry Miller	Web	TELEPHONE DC I just directly oppose a rate increase from PP&L. I am blind, 69 years old and a senior citizen, along with my wife. We are on a fixed social security income and we can't afford more rate increases. The power company wants a 9% raise and how does that equate? That's all I have to say.
	David Clumpner	Web	Not in agreement with increase. Pacific Power has received many increase over the years with their goal of being equal in cost with other companies over the United States. I am on a fixed income and this increase will affect people like me causing hardships. Most of the increase is for residential not commercial. Increase should be given to commercial not residential. No to increase.
	L. L. Kitts	Mail	This is an annual request which is always granted at a reduced amount; however, it is quite appreciable, especially to a senior citizen. My social security amount for 2014 is \$991 monthly. This is very hard to stretch; however, I will not allow my name to be on a gratuity list. Please ensure the PacifiCorp request is sincerely necessary in all phases. Inflation, which they are definitely a high contributor needs to be checked. (((see notes tab to view copy of letter)))

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	Lucero Cortez	Mail	<p>I am writing this letter to let you guys know that I have been notify that there will be an increase on my electricity bill for the month of September. I was told it will be a 9.9% increase. I want you guys to know that the amount is too high. I don't think this is a good ideal because during the summer my bill is over \$150, my house is small and only 3 people live there. I am the only one that is employed in my household. The amount that I am paying right now is high for me and is hard to pay the full amount. I can only imagine how hard it will be to pay a higher amount.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Sincerely</p>

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	Esperanza Lemos	Mail	<p>I am extremely disappointed that Pacific Power requested an increase of 27.2 million in electric costs to its industrial and residential customers. Back in December 2013, UTC approved a 5.5 overall rate increase to Pacific Power customers. Now Pacific Power wants another increase of 9.5 percent for residential customers.</p> <p>The rate increase affects all of us. I will pay an average of \$83 more this year for electricity. The affect is greater on others like participants of Nuestra Casa. We work with people who live on a fixed income, farm laborers with low wages and seasonal work and single parent families. They do not have the ability to stretch the little money they earn or receive to accommodate such increases.</p> <p>According to the Yakima Herald-Republic article--"Rte Increase Request can be a Power Struggle"--published on February 21, 2013, the residential electric bill has increased 85% since 2003. This increase is ridiculous considering that the hourly salary rate has grown only \$2.18 per hour in ten years! I am against this rate increase. I encourage UTC to deny Pacific Power their request to raise our electric rates.</p> <p>Thank you for taking time to read my concern for the needs of others. Sincerely, (((see notes tab to view copy of letter)))</p>

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	Luz Rodriguez	Mail	<p>I am extremely disappointed that Pacific Power requested an increase of 27.2 million in electric costs to its industrial and residential customers. Back in December 2013, UTC approved a 5.5 overall rate increase to Pacific Power customers. Now Pacific Power wants another increase of 9.5 percent for residential customers.</p> <p>The rate increase affects all of us. I will pay an average of \$166 more this year for electricity. The affect is greater on others like participants of Nuestra Casa. We work with people who live on a fixed income, farm laborers with low wages and seasonal work and single parent families. They do not have the ability to stretch the little money they earn or receive to accommodate such increases.</p> <p>According to the Yakima Herald-Republic article-- "Rte Increase Request can be a Power Struggle"--published on February 21, 2013, the residential electric bill has increased 85% since 2003. This increase is ridiculous considering that the hourly salary rate has grown only \$2.18 per hour in ten years! I am against this rate increase. I encourage UTC to deny Pacific Power their request to raise our electric rates.</p> <p>Thank you for taking time to read my concern for the needs of others.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>((((see notes tab to view copy of letter)))</p>
	Judy Maguire	Web	<p>TELEPHONE DC

No, I am not in favor of the proposed rate increase. It's going to be a real hardship on senior citizens and we are struggling as it is now. My bill is going up and it's getting really ridiculous but I guess it's something you have to have.</p>

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	Jonathan Lang	Web	<p>This is the second rate increase they are asking for in so short a period of time. Already our electric bill has skyrocketed and now they want more money?!?!?!
We paid them in the past to build the wind farms in Eastern Washington. A donation to Blue Sky. Now we feel defrauded and that those donations were a waste of time. Why is it that they are making extra cash flow with free wind power but they want to dig deeper into our pocketbooks?

Please vote against this rate increase ! They can pay for their necessities through other avenues not from us their customers.</p> <p>Thank the Lord that your staff reviewed their rate hike request and are recommending a smaller increase 7.7 million \$ than their 27 million \$.
Of course the full commission has to give their final say on the hike.
I am very much in favor of the splitting the residential rates into 3 tiers and then those customers who use 2 times the average of electricity should pay more.
If only PP were conservation minded ! I do not approve of now their 2nd 1.6 percent rate hike either.
 Warren Buffet, his board, and the shareholders have to yet to prove to me that they want an ethical rate increase and are not out to just rob the shallow pockets of the WA state electric customers.</p>
	Scott P. Holman	Web	<p>The proposed increase in the residential basic charge is nearly double, which is excessive. I would accept an increase to 10 or 11 dollars a month. I object to providing shareholders of Pacific Power dividends out of my pocket. A 7 percent rate increase for residential customers is more in line with what I think the actual costs of providing power are.</p>
	Robert Graf	Web	<p>TELEPHONE - DC
I'm not in favor of the 9.5% overall increase for residential customers. I think that's exorbitant. I don't approve of the way of how PP&L is doing business. They make their improvements, and then after this is done, they decide to up to the rates to pay for their improvements. I think it's backwards and they should ask the people first if they want to make the improvements. And if it's approved, then do it. They are very vague. There's a lot of people already who can't pay their power bill and an increase of 10% is not good.</p>

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	Linda Layfield	E-mail	<p>We have added several items in the past 2 years to decrease our cost of heating and cooling our house. We have put added insulation and reflective surfaces in the attic and a large attic fan to keep hot air out. And we have put UV shades on the outside of our house to keep the summer heat out. We do these at some expense thinking that we can save money, but no matter how much we decrease our use, the bill keeps going UP. Would it be fair to give people who make efforts to conserve energy a bigger break??? Seems fair to me!</p>
	Jesus Lemos, Jr.	Mail	<p>Hasn't had any pay raises for several years. It bothers him that government employees have sacrificed with pay freezes and yet PP&L was granted a 5.5% rate increase in December of 2013. PP&L's current request for a 9.5% increase is not justified. PP&L has increased their rates by 85 percent in 10 years. Against any new rate increase. (((see notes tab to view entire letter)))</p>
	Rick Cecil	Web	<p>3 years ago Pacific Power was penalized for spending 79 million dollars on lobbying. Company did not pay any taxes from 2008-2010. One year they received 1 billion in tax rebates but made 4.8 billion. Finally, they gave a 94% increase to company executives. No to increase.</p>

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	Gary Moore	E-mail	<p>IT SEEMS TO ME YOU PEOPLE ARE DOING WELL, I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT MY ELECTRIC BILL NOW!</p> <p>I AM A 70 YEAR OLD TAKING CARE OF MY MOTHER WHO IS NOW 96 AND I STILL WORK PART TIME TO MAKE ENDS MEET ON OUR SHARED INCOME. I LOST EVERY THING IN THE 2008 CRASH OFWALL STREET,HOUSING MARKET AND MY FULL TIME JOB.THIS COUNTRY IS BEING DESIMINATED BY OUR OWN GOVERNMENT AND ALL ITS BRANCHES TO THE POINT THERE ARE NO (FULL TIME) JOBS AVAILABLE TO THE ELDERLY. YOU SHOULD CREAT A DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY ON LIMITED WORKING STIFF(MIDDLE CLASS). I OWN A LARGE MOBILE HOME....WHICH I BOUGHT WITH THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF MY 300,000 DOLLAR HOME WHICH I BARELY GOT OUT OF WITH 50,000 CASH. GET REAL DONT YOU PEOPLE REALIZE YOU ARE GETTING RICH ON THE BACKS OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN? BIG BUSINESS HAS FALLEN TO THE RANKS OF LEGAL THIEVES THROUGH WITH ALL YOUR APPROVED HIKES IN RATES THAT WE CAN ONLYPAY OR FREEZE?</p> <p>THANK YOU FOR AT LEAST PROVIDING A THREAD TO CONTACT!</p>
	Nolan Lockwood	Web	<p>As an employer of 44 hardworking employees any proposed rate increases cause us to re-evaluate our man power needs. We will reduce man power as well as services. My business is a Supermarket.</p>
	Brad Warr	Web	<p>It seems outrageous to us all that you ALLOW this company to get an increase in rates every year. And not just an increase, but an increase that is much greater than the cost of living that some Americans get, even though I myself work for State government I have not gotten and increase in pay in six years and have even taken a reduction in pay to help lower the state budget deficit. It seems like you are saying to the citizens of Washington state that it is ok for Pacific power employees to get richer on the backs of the hard working people who are getting poorer. Can you sleep well with that thought, if so, then shame on you!</p>

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	Anne Massong	Mail	<p>Protest the rate hike. Pacific Power requests a rate hike every year. Since 2010, there have been five rate increases. Questions why Pacific Power continues to rely on the 26 coal-fired boilers at 11 locations in Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona and Colorado.</p>
	Kate Sherry	E-mail	<p>Each year Pacific Power requests a rate increase, and each year I send you an e-mail regarding this issue. It does not seem to me that you are listening to any of the consumers in Washington State about this, because each year you grant Pacific Power a rate increase. Granted you have not granted them the entire rate increase they request, but still you do grant them a rate increase.</p> <p>You don't seem to understand that the economy in WA State is NOT GOOD, and that the average consumer does not have the luxury of asking their employer for a salary increase every year because we do not make enough money to pay our bills. Pacific Power makes a tremendous profit, according to everything I have read, their customer service since they merged with whoever (I can't recall the name of the company they merged with) is very poor and they don't seem to care. I do believe they are more interested in making as much profit as is possible, and so of course they are going to continue to request rate increases.</p>
			<p>Perhaps just for this one year, you might consider NOT granting their request or alternatively, granting them a very minimal rate increase, NOT one that would increase my electric bill by \$11.00 a month. Maybe you don't see that as a lot of money, but when you add up all the increases we have each year, that is a lot of money for the average person working hard to try to make a decent living.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and the opportunity to comment on this very important issue.</p>

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	Betty Lou Ortiz	Web	PHONE (SH) When will Pacific Power stop requesting rate increases? [Educated customer, company allowed to request annually.] It's getting difficult to afford the bill. The bill is getting so...I'm beginning to wonder about it. Social security only goes so far. It's getting iffy.
	Steven E. George	Mail	The Yakima County Farm Bureau represents over 3,000 Yakima County members. This increase translates into hundreds of thousands of dollars for those of us that rely on clean electrical power to run electrical motors on our farms that do everything from pumping irrigation water to milking our cows. These rate increases that you keep allowing are very disproportionate to agriculture and business. We have sent you letters for the past several years opposing these increases, yet you continue to allow them. We are again requesting that you do not grant any electrical rate increases this year.
	Keith Kingsbury	Web	No more rates increases ever for Dams and salmon! Let them be good stewards pay their own way. Keith Kingsbury
	Anona Schmeltzer	Web	The people of this area can not afford another rate increase on their power bill again this year. The rate was increased earlier this year and a 9.5% increase again is way to much. This community is suffering from an economy that has not recovered. People are lucky to have a job and a lot are only earning minimum wage. Some are working 2 or more jobs to make ends meet. Winter is coming and this is a unfair burden on the families of this community. Please do not increase the rates. Give the area a chance to recover with out adding an additional burden to this area. Everyone that I spoke to about a rate increase was upset and depressed. Please stand up for the people that your represent and cut us a brake. Thank you.
	Dennis Hambek	Web	The company wants to increase the basic fee from \$7.75 to \$14, almost doubling the charge. The company just raised the fee. The proposed increase is too much. The company has also filed a proposal for a 9.5% rate increase. Again the company has just received a rate increase and they should not be receiving another.

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	Patricia VanDeventer	Web	TELEPHONE - DC I am not in favor of the proposed rate increase, because the 9.5% is a big increase. We don't even get a COLA increase. I'm a senior citizen, and I don't get raises like this. I'm not going to be able to afford electricity for too long. My winter bill is already high enough.
	David Lester	Web	I vehemently oppose the Pacific Power rate increase request. The company has sought rate hikes in 9 of the last 10 years. Enough is enough. This does not appear to be a well-run company if it has to keep coming back for more. Warren Buffett doesn't need the money the last time I checked. I am on a fixed income. Annual rate increases are too much!
	Steve Burch	Web	The basic charge per month change penalizes those who have low income or a small bill for any length of time. We are unable to compensate by usage to reduce our electric charges. With the new meters, the cost to read the meters and bill should not be as high as they've asked for. Thank-you.
	Donna Holt	Web	As a retired person and on a fixed income I cannot afford another rate increase. Your rates are already too high.
	Carl Brauer	Web	I am writing to comment about Pacific Power's proposed rate increase. I am strongly against this increase for several reasons. First of all, Washington state has a high cost of living and utility bills in general are fairly high compared to some parts of the country. secondly, my city of Yakima has a lot of people with limited income either due to old age, the prevailing wages, or the season nature of many industries here. I think a lot of people here can barely afford to pay their bills now and will be hurting with any increase. Thirdly, the amount of the proposed increase is fairly large at almost ten percent. Lastly, the company also cited a reason of a large return on their investments. This sounds too me like they are trying to avoid paying some taxes or fees or filing paperwork and they just want to put the burden on the customers instead. And if they received earnings then they shouldn't need to ask for an increase. For all these reasons I strongly urge you to deny the rate increase request.

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	Brandy Bradford	Web	I find it inappropriate at the very least that Pacific Power is requesting another rate increase to citizens of Washington State, yet continue to sell power at much cheaper rates to other States and Canada. Pacific Power has to be either the greediest company I've ever seen or incapable of hiring knowledgeable financial accountants to manage company funding for future infrastructure and power needs.
	Rusty Benton	Web	TELEPHONE - DC I'm calling to say I am not in favor of the proposed rate increase.

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	Dale Kopley	Web	<p>PHONE (SH)
Reading the article today in the paper from last night's Yakima meeting they said something about substations which they have started in the Selah and Union Gap area. These substations were already started before they wanted the rate increase but they're tying them to one of the reasons for the rate increase. They were already started. That's a head scratcher.

They also talked about reliable service. If the service was intermittent and not reliable the UTC would be the folks to hear from any customer; like me, because I know where to go - call the UTC and complain. And they talk about maintaining their financial integrity. What about the customer's financial integrity? The customer has to make a choice between groceries, medicines, a roof over their house and to pay for their power. That's not a good choice to have to make.

And I'm reading some articles in the past and out of so many comments there's only been one person that's been in favor of the rate increase at this point. Does that not tell the UTC something. They have instituted electronic meter reading in this area which also saved them some money. Maybe there are other areas they need to look in to be more economical. After all, when they ask for a rate increase I, amongst most other residential people, have to make an adjustment within our budget to pay for that. How is PP&L any different?

They talked about, and they did, tear down some dams. Because of fish. I like fish. But I don't want to be eating my fish and vegetables by candlelight. And the more dams they tear down, is there not going to be, sooner or later, an electric shortage? And they may be mentioning we have windmills but windmills are a joke.

They talked about companies needing to make money. Certainly they need to make money. But they're doing it on the backs of rate payers so the rate payers need to have a source of income that increases. I am retired so my fixed income is fixed income. How do I cut back to pay an increase? All other groceries, medicine, they all go up. How do I retrieve some of that income? I can't.

One of the people at the meeting, as a retired teacher he indicated over six years here, and I don't know this for a fact, his increase was 29 percent over those six years. I don't know for a fact, but I doubt it, that his retirement increased 29 percent over those six years. I know mine didn't because it stayed the same. And I doubt that his increased, also. So how do we as customers justify keep paying money out to PP&L and stay above board out here? They need to be a little more...figure out more cost savings in their operation rather than lay it on the backs of customers.

The UTC needs to tell them no. And don't ask for an increase for a certain amount of time.</p>

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	Jon Lund	Web	I am against the rate hike proposed by Pacific Power on residence of Washington. Utilities are one of the only sources that I have to control my budget. I attempt each month to match or use less than the previous year. If the rates are allowed to climb I cannot give my sons a higher education without forcing them to go into debt. Please help stop this madness of ever increasing inflation, fees, and taxes. Please deny the requested rate hike.
	Al Cummins	E-mail	I notice that Pacific Power has filed for another large rate increase (8.5% this time). This follows a rate increase of about 3.7% in the last 12 months. I did not go further back in my records to find other increases over the past few years. While I am sympathetic to increased costs of doing business, I must also be aware of our family budget. We cannot continue to absorb this rate increases year after year, especially when the Federal Government is touting low inflation. It seems that our personal pay increases each year are based on Federal inflation index, but almost everything we purchase, especially food and fuel, keeps going up at rates significantly outpacing that index. I believe it is time, if costs for Pacific Power are exceeding Federal inflation indexes, that stockholders should be sharing in those costs, not just the consumer. Thank you for your time.
	Bradley Nelson	E-mail	I am another consumer of electricity provided by Pacific Power and I agree. Nearly doubling the base rate is going to affect low- and fixed- income customers the most. Better solutions should be found.

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	David M. Higgins	E-mail	<p>Help Save my Grandchildren's Future</p> <p>It is Unconscionable that Pacific Power is allowed to rely so Heavily on Burning Coal which is causing unprecedented Drought and Wildfire and Flood and Crop Failure and Weather Catastrophes through its deleterious effect upon our Climate. Natural Gas produced by Fracking is probably just as Dangerous because it releases Methane into the atmosphere which is 39 times as damaging as CO2.</p> <p>Pacific Power's Rates should be tied irrevocably to efforts to Reduce its damage to Washington and the Earth by Investing in Electric Energy Production through Wind and Solar which Washington State has in Abundance. Failure to demonstrate Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions should result in Rate REDUCTIONS every year that these Failures Occur.</p> <p>Pacific Power's Owners - MidAmerican Energy Holdings is part of a Monopolistic Conglomerate of Berkshire Hathaway which also in Heavily Invested in Coal and the Trains that Haul it.</p> <p>It is Irresponsible for the Commission to shirk its Responsibility to the Citizens of Washington State and the Earth in allowing the Destruction of the Earth to go on Unabated. The Only thing to which a Soulless Corporation Responds is Money. So that is the Leverage you must Apply.</p> <p>Thank You starboyone@gmail.com</p>

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	Erick Dietrich	E-mail	<p>My name is erick, a walla walla, wa resident, and I am seriously concerned about the proposed rate increase coming from pacific power/pacifcorp.</p> <p>I am very opposed to such action because it will really affect the budgets of low income individuals like me and everyone who lives in eastern wash.</p> <p>Thanks for taking into serious consideration my comment above.</p>
	Jan Brown	E-mail	<p>Dear UTC,</p> <p>I am a customer of Pacific Power, residing in Yakima County, and wish to comment on the proposed rate increase by Pacific Power. Yakima County has a disproportionate number of poor people, with nearly half living below 200% of the federal property rate, and over 56% of households living on \$50,000 per year or less (2012 Census Bureau). Yakima County wages lag behind other areas of the state, and even further behind other areas of the country. As Pacific Power is the only source of electricity available in our area, with the exception of a few off-the-grid households, the residents here cannot simply shop around for a more affordable alternative. We are in essence under the thumb of a monopoly for our electric services.</p> <p>Access to electricity is essential to improving economic and living conditions in the population, and essential to life in terms of the delivery of necessary items such as water and heat. Pacific Power is arguing that because they aren't earning as much in profit as the law allows that they should be charging more, and that our low-income rural population should be paying as much as people in areas of the country with higher earnings. The economy of this area has not changed significantly since the current corporate owner took possession. They knew what they were buying, and should not be able to improve their business' bottom line by further pinching their rate payers.</p>

Everyone wants an electric system that safely delivers this essential utility, but it appears a large portion of the requested rate increase is purely about improving profits for Pacific Power's shareholders. If Pacific Power has legal obligations to the public to keep electric service available and affordable, I hope they will be held to those obligations to the fullest extent of the law. I believe Pacific Power's request for a rate increase should be either denied in full or substantially reduced. My personal income cannot support a higher power bill, and if an increase is granted, I'll have no choice but to reduce my power consumption to offset the higher bill. If other people are like-minded and reduce their usage, that just reduces revenues to Pacific Power and sets up a continuing cycle of repeated requests for rate increases, all the time increasing cost to the UTC and taxpayers of the state in processing those requests.

Pacific Power has been relentless over the past decade in seeking higher profit margins. It's time to put the brakes on and send them the strongest possible message that protection of the public under the law must be balanced against their corporate bottom line.

Thank you,

P.S. As it would consume several gallons of fuel for the drive, I will not be attending the public hearing in Yakima this evening.

Jay Carmony
E-mail

To Whom it may concern at the UTC:

I do not support the proposed current rate increase. Wages are down, flat are best. Job market flooded. Food is more and more costly- and the only thing steady- gasoline- we pay for in water pollution from fracking and costly wars... And the utilities are part of the problem.

How about more creative solutions out of Pacific Power, rather than more coal and rate increases? How about incentivizing home production of energy? That's an idea. Okanogan County PUD WANTS people to produce electricity! Why, less cost to them- they don't have to maintain the grid or build it altogether... Shift ownership to the user, rather shoveling more money to the already TOO RICH.

WA produces a tremendous amount of energy, and could easily power itself...Especially if the utilities would allow, more easily, rate payers to produce their own energy with solar and wind.

Where is the program to solar our communities? Our homes?

What about a smart grid, so when the power goes out we can pump out water? It certainly feels like Pacific Power, when I have called, does not want to nor support me going solar, even though I could cover most of my electrical needs - I live near Yakima, 300 days of sun.

Much of the green energy produced in WA is sold to CA. The wind turbines take up the country side, the dams kill our fish, and the coal kills us. Mean while we, the rate payers, foots the bill. How about keeping some of the electricity here?

Pacific Power increases the commercial rate- well who pays for that? The consumer! The business just turn around and charge more for services and products! So, instead of business paying along with home owners and renters- they put to us.

The costs to raise a family when wages have gone down- up 32% over the last 12 years. Health care cost way up (for the employee, not employer)... Propane costs going up... Clean Air Agencies clamping down on woodstove use...electrical rate increases every other year! And who get the money, Wall Street... building bubbles then popping the bubble, to catch all the money- as they hold the tax payer at ransom unless we bail them out. The rich are holding on to money, not hiring, and blowing \$\$\$ on cocaine. Just great.

When will the utilities give us, WA rate payers the break that we should have with all the electricity that we produce? IT doesn't come for free, the loss of our natural resources, birds, and scenery - and the its shipped off to CA, where people want to live in refrigerated homes, 4,000square feet at a time. It's gross waste.

I do not support the rate increase- Especially when my utility- Pacific Power- has no incentives- no off-peak rate decreases, no customer support for those interested in producing on site power.. When Pacific Power starts to have better customer service and incentivizes on site power production - then just maybe, maybe, I would pay them more.

Please let Pacific Power to pay their shareholders a little less and give the rate payer a break this time.

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	Michael Roskamp	E-mail	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>Please do not allow Pacific Power to increase their rate. This is killing us! In the last 8 years, it seems our power rate has increased almost 150%! I can't remember all the rate increases, but I believe Pacific Power has asked for an increase almost every year! My salary does not go up that amount. With the cost of living increasing daily, how are we supposed to pay our electric bill? With the last bunch of high rate increases, Pacific Power should be banned from even asking for an increase for 5 years at the least. My service has not been any better, either. Please, PLEASE, don't keep on allowing them to increase our power rates.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
	Jeff Miles	E-mail	<p>This company is always trying to extort money from everyone. They need to cut the fat from their bloated overhead costs and overpaid management. Do not give in to them with their constant lies and whining about money. If they were not so beholden to Wall Street they would not be asking for yearly trips to a bigger trough.</p>
	Stanley Green	E-mail	<p>I am a consumer in College Place of electricity provided by Pacific Power.</p> <p>I oppose the proposed rate increase proposed by Pacific Power which is described in this brochure sent to customers: https://www.pacificpower.net/content/dam/pacificorp/doc/CCCom_Update/2014/August_14/8309-11_PP_WA_GRC%20Bill%20Insert_F.pdf</p> <p>Basic charges and the rate for consumption below 600 Kwh per month should remain low, as a lifeline to low-income customers.</p> <p>Before Pacific Power is allowed to raise any rates for residential customers, they should offer residential customers the option of billing with lower rates for off-peak use.</p> <p>There are several ways in which I can shift much of my electricity consumption to periods of lower demand. Pacific Power offers no incentives to residential customers to shift load to off-peak periods.</p>

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	Robert Colvert	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Yakima. See transcript for testimony.
	Sharon Baze	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Yakima. See transcripts for testimony.
	Valorie Nesary-Bazard	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Yakima. See transcripts for testimony.
	John Klingele	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Yakima. See transcript for testimony.
	John Tierney	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Yakima. See transcript for testimony.
	Evelyn L. Duim	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Yakima. See transcript for testimony.
	W. F. Hendrix	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Yakima. See transcript for testimony.
	Frances Feusner	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Yakima. See transcript for testimony.
	B. J. Buchanan	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Yakima. See transcript for testimony.
	Lynne Kittelson	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Yakima. See transcript for testimony.
	Madelaine Clark	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Yakima. See transcript for testimony.
	Bob Castadi	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Walla Walla. See transcript for testimony.
	Beth Call	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Walla Walla. See transcript for testimony.
	Chuck Smith	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Walla Walla. See transcript for testimony.
	Ted Koehler	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Walla Walla. See transcript for testimony.
	Ted Koehler	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Walla Walla. See transcript for testimony.
	Nancy Jacobsen	In person	Attended public involvement hearing in Walla Walla. See transcript for testimony.
	Barbara Clark	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Walla Walla. See transcript for testimony.
	Dan Clark	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Walla Walla. See transcript for testimony.

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	Jean Dolling	In person	<p>Attended public comment hearing in Walla Walla. See transcript for testimony.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Administrative salaries kept to a minimum comparable to median family incomes of ratepayers. - The energy assistance program should be automatic tied to social security numbers for low-income persons instead of administered by the lottery system. Which is unfair as not everyone needing assistance gets their name drawn for help. - Waiving the basic energy charge for the very low income customer should be done as this is a heavy burden of 93 dollars a year. Blue Mountain would enroll people tied to social security numbers. - Farmers growing food need reduced rates not increases. It's painful having to let plants die because I can't afford to water them. - Residential customers using extravagant amounts of electricity should see their rates increased according to the unfair burden they put on the system above the careful usage customer.
	Norm Osteman	In person	(((see notes tab to view letter)))
	Carlan Bradshaw	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Walla Walla. See transcript for testimony.

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	Sara Jo and Toy E. Renfroe	Mail	<p>Here we go again. I'm sure they will come up with every reason why they should get a raise, but do we get a raise every year? No! Public utilities should never have been put on the stock market.</p> <p>((((see notes tab to view entire letter)))</p> <p>10/15/2014 - Consumer sent in another letter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retired, fixed income on social security and low-income - Believes the company is making too much money. - Upset that the UTC is not doing more to protect the consumer. <p>((((see notes tab to view entire letter)))</p>
	Louise Schneider	Mail	<p>I am unable to attend the meeting but I wish to express my disfavor in the proposed rate increase by Pacific Power.</p> <p>This seems to be an annual proposal because I believe it was just last year I was attending a similar meeting and testifying against that proposal.</p> <p>It seems to me tha the power company should look to economizing on the operation of their company and not continually seeking funds from their customers. Most big companies do just that because they have competition and need to be competitive.</p> <p>Customers of Pacific Power have no other place to seek electricity, a much needed commodity. Perhaps we should all go Solar. Yakima County is ideal for such a solution. We have lots of sun!</p> <p>Very truly yours.</p> <p>((((see notes tab to view letter)))</p>

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	Alice I. Sander	Mail	<p>I am deeply concerned about the proposed rate increase which Pacific Power has requested. At nearly 10%, this increase would severely impact many, probably most, of the residential customers of PP&L.</p> <p>Pacific Power has increased rates about 7% in the last two years, and I have seen my monthly bills increase sharply as a result. I have followed every guideline suggested in order to keep the costs down, so I cannot cut my usage more.</p> <p>I have had great respect for Pacific Power all my life, but the requested increase just cannot be allowed. We, the consumers have no other alternative for electricity usage since PP&L is our sole source of electrical power.</p> <p>Please do not allow this requested increase to take place. Thank you.</p>
	Lucy Sanchez	Mail	<p>Pacific Power's increase in residential and industrial customer rates is disappointing. The 5.5 overall increase raised the bill in my business to \$185 per month.</p> <p>Now the increase of 9.5% for my business will significantly affect my business and my family financially. I am against this rate increase and hope the UTC does not approve it. Thank you for taking time to read my concern.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
	Marta Candanedo	Mail	<p>I am extremely disappointed that Pacific Power has requested to increase its rates in residential and industrial customers. Every single year this company has increased its customer rates and that is so hard for the family economy. I disapprove that request and ask you to deny any increase. Thank you for taking time to read my concern.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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	Lilibeth Snyder	Mail	<p>It is disappointing to know that Pacific Power has requested another increase in residential and industrial customer rates. On Dec. 10, 2013, UTC approved a 5.5% overall rate increase to Pacific Power customers. My electric bill in my apt. went from \$54 to \$85 and the church building went from \$54 to \$82 dollars a month. Now Pacific Power wants another increase of 9.5 percent for residential and industrial customers. The new increase will significantly affect our electric bill. It will add a burden to our family. The added fee means we must reduce other necessities of our church and also for my family. I am against this rate increase and hope that UTC does not approve it. Thank you for taking time to read my concern. I would appreciate a response to my letter.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
	Dalinda Mondragon	Mail	<p>I am extremely disappointed that Pacific Power has requested another increase in residential and industrial customer rates. On Dec. 10, 2013, UTC approved a 5.55 overall rate increase to Pacific Power. Last year's rate increase has been difficult for my family. Now Pacific Power wants another increase of 9.5%. The new rate will significantly increase my electric bill. I am low-income and have a family of five. The added fee means that I must reduce other purchases that my family and I require. I am against this rate increase and hope that UTC does not approve it. Thank you for taking time to read my concern. I would appreciate a response to my concern.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
	Leonardo Infante	Mail	<p>I am extremely disappointed that Pacific Power has requested another increase in residential and industrial customer rates. On Dec. 10, 2013, UTC approved a 5.5% overall rate increase to Pacific Power customers. For me, my electric bill went from \$110 to \$115 a month. Now Pacific Power wants another increase of 9.5%. The new rate increase will affect me personally because I own a small business. It will raise my electric bill significantly. I am against this rate increase and hope that UTC does not approve it. Thank you for taking time to read my concerns.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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	Yolanda Ortega	Mail	<p>I am extremely disappointed that Pacific Power has requested another increase in residential and industrial customer rates. Last year the UTC increased the rates fro Pacific Power customers and now they want to raise it higher. I have some friends that are low income families and this raise will affect them badly. I do not approve this rate increase and hope the UTC does not approve the rate either. Thank you for reading this letter and I would appreciate a response.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
	Joellen Hall	Mail	<p>Unable to attend the public hearing. See notes tab to view letter. Summary of points made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social security recipient - Don't have internet because can only afford dial up and CenturyLink discontinued its dial-up service. - The world is leaving us fixed income folks behind. My net income last year was \$14,480. - In the summer when its 100 outside, it is 120 degrees in my house. In the winter when it's 5 degrees outside, I struggle to maintain 58 degrees inside my home. I wear fleece pants and sweat shirts. <p>Respectfully submitted,</p>
	Debby Taylor	Web	<p>PHONE (SH) The staff that actually does the work for PP&L are short-handed. It's not going to add any more crew, or better help for customers, and it's just uncalled for especially living in the Pacific Northwest. I spoke with an ex-PP&L employee and it's not a necessary increase. The rates have just gone up and up. When you don't have options...it's not...how do we control the rate increases?</p>

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	Doug Oliva	Web	The Utilities and Transportation Commission has granted a rate increase annually the last 3 or 4 years to Pacific Power. The company has requested the rate increase and the commission has repeatedly granted half of what company has asked for. It is time the commission steps up for the people.
	Dorinda Cecil	Web	Not in agreement with the increase. Pacific Power is making enough of a profit and doesn't need to have an increase in profits. Rates are high enough.

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	Don Harris	Web	<p>The company keeps getting increases year after year. Employees of the company keep getting huge rises on the rate payers backs. The rate increases are going to keep Buffet's stock price up. You can't put that on our backs. I would like better notifications of the meetings. I want a public utilities district out of Yakima.</p> <p>10/23/14: Customer called with questions about what the company does with income from its wind farms, in particular income from sales of power to the south.</p> <p>Dave Gomez, staff lead, volunteered to call and answer the customers questions. Mr. Gomez follow up:</p> <p>John,</p> <p>I spoke with Mr. Don Harris and he had a number of questions (besides the one below) which I responded to. I explained in very general terms the process of rate making and went over the media release regarding staff's position in the case of October 10, 2014. I explained to him staff's position relative to the company and what the timeline to a decision will be. Regarding his wind question specifically, I explained that any power the company generates and then sells into the market is then subtracted from power costs to arrive at a net power cost position from which rates are calculated.</p> <p>Mr. Harris and I had a good discussion and he relayed to me his confidence that the commission and its staff will do what's right to ensure a proper balance between keeping costs down and maintaining a viable and reliable power system.</p>

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	Charles Zickefoose	Web	TELEPHONE - DC I am not in favor of the increase. Dayton is a retirement town. Our rate hikes are going up way too much. They're putting in wind pipes are costing too much. The wind powers are supposed to lower our rates and give us better service, but they have done just the opposite. The rate hikes keeps getting higher and the service isn't any better. The customer service is going down hill. There's something crazy going on lady! We get less benefit out of our electrical service and I'm not telling lies. My wife and I are social security and live on a fixed income. Why can companies continue to ask for rate increases?
	Jeff Miles	Web	I am opposed to PP&L's attempted 2nd trip to the trough this year. I can't believe after all of their yearly rate increases they would attempt to double dip into everyone's wallet this year. If they would run their company more efficiently, they would not be trying to make us pay for their problems. I wish I had a choice in power providers!
	Brad Warr	Web	I work for Washington state Department of Licensing. We have had no cost of living raise in 7 years, yet Pacific Power can get approval from the UTC every year for rate increases. How is that? You are allowing them to get rich and starving the working class. You must reign in this monopoly power company. You have the power to say no more. Think of the all the people you are hurting instead of just giving into their demands. Thank you very much for your consideration. I disagree with Pacific Power requesting a rate increase every year while the public doesn't get cost of living raise every year. I am a state worker and it is very bizarre keeps approving rate increases. I always make a comment but rate increases are always approved.

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	Brenda Blakk	Web	<p>Good Morning UTC,
 My wife and I would like to ask you to please turn down Pacific Power's request for a rate increase. We ask you to really look at the combined percentage of all of the increases that they have received in just the last 10 years and compare the result with the combined cost of living adjustments for Yakima County Residents.
 Last year one of Pacific Power's reasons for an increase was because their customers have cut back their usage and are not using as much power. So...we are penalized for conserving?!? Also, is there any thought that the drop in usage was due to not being able to AFFORD the power bill?
 We want to let you know that because of the cost, we will never get an electric furnace. We burn wood for our heat. To be honest it would be nice to have electric heat, but the cost to buy a furnace, combined with all the increases in our power bill has forced us to realize that we would be unable to afford it now and especially in the future.
 This might be the case for others. Can you check how much money has went out to help people pay their power bill? Bet that amount has skyrocketed the last few years. Doesn't that say anything?
 Yes, we understand that costs for Pacific Power have gone up. But, to be fair, we think that they should do as we do and cut back on other expenses. (such as advertising)
 Also, we thought all those wind machines put up were supposed to save everyone money. Why hasn't it?
 Please make this the first year that you say 'no'. It would be very appreciated and we would feel that you are really looking out for us. You have helped in the past by not giving them the total amount that they have looked for, but this year could we just have a break from any increase at all? Pretty Please with sugar on top? We need this.

Thank you for your time,
Mrs. & Mrs Blakk
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	Robert E. Swope	Web	<p>Dear UTC., I am writing concerning the requests of Pacific Power for an increase in their rates. First, let me say how infinitely grateful I am that the UTC stands between Pacific Power and their constant requests to increase their rates. To my recollection since the year 2000, Pacific Power has received rate increases exceeding 100%. Their perpetual cry for more money to improve their infrastructure is their constant cry. Their executives have bemoaned that consumers are "stingy." They have said that customers consuming less mean their service costs more, while of course prompting conservation. In short, their lawyers and bookkeepers have used every dimension of their imaginations to justify a ceaseless request for more money. I suggest that they reexamine their definition of profit and use some of their income to fund their various perceived needs other than asking for consumers to insure the gray train which they would rather see constantly enriched by consumers. The laws governing this process are no doubt a twisted mixture of contradicting, compulsory, regulatory nature. In essence it is a contest of who can be the most creative intellectually. I hope the UTC will be the winners. The consumers are at the mercy of this process. Please, say no to ANY increase. They have had enough. They are in need of no additional money. Thank you, Robert E. Swope</p>

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	Sheri Radosevich	Web	<p>Last winter I received the highest electric bills I have ever received just for my fairly small apt (unit in a triplex). I'm a senior living on Social Security and kept my heat so low visitors complained - I wore sweaters all winter. I can barely afford my bills and had to make payment arrangements on the highest bill. So then they gave us this little credit a couple of months ago - was nice while it lasted! Now Pacific Power wants to raise our bills even higher which I can't believe is necessary. That was bad enough but then they ask for ANOTHER raise which they evidently need to wipe out that little credit they gave us!! When will it end??? Last month they sent out notices telling us how "energy efficient" we are (how much did that whole thing cost?)- so I'm better then most of the 100 closest people but not quite as good as the top 20% - so I guess I'm supposed to freeze even more this winter - great since I've already had pneumonia. Or take their other advise - don't use my clothers dryer - instead get out some clothes line and/or racks and hang my clothes to dry!! Maybe they think I should take cold showers too - or may no showers or baths that would save some energy! Just say no to their requests - they are out of line! According to the latest news I MAY get a 1.7% raise in my Social Security check - which part of has already been taken with a raise in my insurance. I'm sure most other seniors are in the same boat; but most of us don't complain. I know I speak for many. Please listen.</p>
	Jessie Torres	Web	<p>They need to start looking internally on how to cut back on operating costs. They could cut back on marketing ads. Electric is a service that everyone needs and they don't need to throwaway money. No to the increase that they ask for every year.</p>

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	Anna Swanson	E-mail	<p>In todays Yakima Herald news article, It stated that a state utility staff members suggested that Pacific Power split rates, Charge MORE for Higher use above the 1300 kwh per month. This is not right, as the homes that use more electricity to keep warm in the winter time are running electric heat and not gas. You already have people in the cold in their homes in the winter due to costs to heat and not allowed to burn due to bans. This is force an even higher hardship on families. We are lower middle and along with my neighbors are the typical struggling to make ends meet. If anything, Pacific Power should charge more for the first 1300, and less for the next 1300. Providing a lower rate in the winter months is more reasonable. Other states such a Wy. cut rates in the winter so people can actually stay a bit warmer. Please consider asking Pacific Power to lower their rates in winter months, November thru March. Thank you.</p> <p>Anna</p>
	Jim Davison	E-mail	<p>As a retired school teacher any talk of rate hikes is always a concern. The Washington State Supreme Court recently upheld the legislature's elimination of cost of living increases as well as money from extraordinary interest gains (gain sharing) for state retirees. The only chance of an increase in my state retirement income now would require legislative action—unlikely with the state facing a multi-billion dollar deficit.</p> <p>It is unfortunate that water over existing dams was excluded from being considered a renewable energy source, forcing ever increasing rates due to required use of the heavily subsidized alternative energy sources. But until I can safely project an income increase any rate hikes cannot be supported.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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	Grace	Web	<p>Pacific Power's rate hike is unacceptable, as was the first rate hike two weeks ago.

My husband and I have done everything possible to be energy efficient. We have additional insulation in the attic, under the house, new windows and doors, new energy efficient appliances, a heat pump and a newer furnace. We replaced the water heater and the garage doors. All of this is in the last 8 years. Our house is 40 years old with a roof that is 10 years old. We keep the temperature in our house warmer in summer and cooler in winter.

The only thing we haven't done is pulling the siding off and adding more insulation.

Our monthly bill used to contain a graph, detailing our energy use compared to our "energy efficient" neighbors. I called up Pacific Power and had a discussion with the department responsible for these graphs. I wanted to know just who are these neighbors. I was told these "neighbors" are not really my neighbors in my neighborhood. The "neighbors" are users with homes that are comparable to my house based on the information that Pacific Power has in its data bank. Pacific Power is manipulating the data and frankly "guilt tripping" with somehow I am a bad neighbor because I use more energy than my make believe neighbor.

And the honest truth is, it doesn't matter what any of us do. If we use less energy, Pacific Power will still want more money because their investors, like Buffett, want even greater returns.

We are not well-to-do and retirement is around the corner but how we will afford it, we do not know. At the rate the middle class is being squeezed, we will be like the old people in Russia, sitting in our homes with jackets and blankets, using candles.</p> <p>Pac Power have really outdone themselves this time. Every year, just like clockwork, you can rely on them for a rate increase. But, 2 in one year??? Pac Power needs to realize that people are hurting and wanting to jack up prices again is nuts. Say NO!!!</p>
	carol brulotte	Web	<p>I am opposed to this proposed increased rate change. I wish I had data to support this but like most working people, I have little time to do this. Please do what seems fair. Try to put yourselves in the shoes of the people that will be paying. Thanks.</p>
	Karen Aal	Web	

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	Bob and Sandra Seward	Mail	<p>We can't believe that PP&L is asking for another rate hike. In keeping track for the last eighteen years of the number of kilowatts we use, I found one summer month not long ago that we actually used more energy than in July of this year but what we paid then was just short of half of what we paid last month. Where does it all stop? Those of us who have all-electric homes are being priced out of it. The homes being featured in the Herald article are not typical of what electrical energy cost most of us. Our bill for July was \$750.</p> <p>How about PP&L rewarding their bread and butter customers, the homes and businesses that reside in their area of electrical service and let the shareholders pay for the expanded wind turbines and the contract with California for power? It is rumored that the company negotiated a poor price for such with California and now wants us the home owners to pay for their mistake. Enough is enough. (((see notes tab to view entire letter)))</p>

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	Kate Sherry	E-mail	<p>Regarding the UTC staff recommendations:</p> <p>While the proposed 3 tier rate structure for residential customers seems fair on the surface, if you really look at it, it is most definitely not fair. To propose that residential customers who use much less electricity would see a reduction in their monthly bill, my question is:</p> <p>Is there a time frame to be used to calculate residential customers who use less electricity, such as for a one year period, three year period, three month period, six month period, and just what months would it cover if not year round. I ask this because in the part of the state where I live, Yakima, the winters are typically very cold with subzero temperatures many times for extended periods of time. All electric customers would typically and naturally use more electricity during those months in order to stay warm, and if they live in substandard housing due to conditions of poverty, their electricity bill may be even higher still. Therefore, I don't see how such a rate structure can be fair to any of the consumers in the State of Washington.</p> <p>Furthermore, in order to allow PP&L to be able to make a "fair" return for their investment, of course the only recourse any utility or other public service has is to raise rates, which is DECIDEDLY NOT FAIR. What exactly would happen if you denied their request outright for the next year, since they seem to want to raise their rates on a yearly basis? Would they go bankrupt? would they not be able to provide any electricity? Just what would happen?</p> <p>It seems to me that you are more concerned with being "fair" to PP&L than you are being "fair" to the consumers in the State of Washington.</p> <p>Kate Sherry Medical Transcriptionist CMH Medical Records</p>

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	Joy Easton	Web	No to increase. They don't need a raise.
	Reese Copeland	Web	Every year that Pacific Power has requested a rate increase, you grant it, although less than they ask for. Why are consumers continuously having to suffer through rate increases? Are you not capable of saying the word "no"? I have written Rep. Bruch Chandler, Rep. David Taylor and Sen. Jim Honeyford asking if they can put something forward to begin replacing members of the Washington State Utilities Commission so that consumers can actually have someone interested in them and not the power company.
	Patricia Ubelaker	Web	I am a senior citizen with a fixed income. It is hard enough to cover all the costs of living without raising the bar. If it is hard for me think what it does for young families with small children. Thanks to the Pacific Power for adding stress to all our lives but taking our money so they may profit for their shareholders. Other countries and states take away the power we can have at a lower rate. THINK!
	Dennis Lockard	Web	I oppose the two proposed rate increases by Pacific Power. Much of the spending done by the company under the pretense of energy conservation, education and public relations is merely a means of running up unnecessary expenses. I submit these examples: The home energy report mailed to every customer every month...useless information. Mailing a free box of light bulbs etc. to anyone who responds...waste of funds. Donating money collected from captive customers to several local causes every year then following that up with weeks of expensive boastful ads in all the newspapers in the area...who needs all this PR when they have their meter chained around the customer's neck! There are plenty of other examples of unwarranted expense building which have led to far too many rate increases. If a company's customers are handed to them on a platter the best service you can provide them with is efficiency.

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	Ann Johnson	E-mail	<p>I have two comments on the application by Pacific Power to increase rates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Objection to proposed increase of residential base charge. Pacific Power proposes to increase the base residential charge from \$7.75 per month to \$14.00 per month. This is an 81% increase, and on size alone seems unjustifiable. <p>However, the strongest objection to this proposal is that it undercuts and subverts the efforts Pacific Power and the State are making to encourage residential consumers like me to reduce our usage of electricity. Having just invested nearly \$200 in LED bulbs, and being about to invest over \$1000 in increased attic insulation, I have to wonder whether my investments were/will be wise, when the "flat-rate" component of my bill, the part that all my efforts and investment cannot affect at all, increases 81% while my usage related expenses increase only 11%. Not only does it cause an immediate disincentive to investment in energy-saving measures, but it makes me suspicious that this is a policy direction for the future – increases in my bills that will rob me of most of the benefits of any investments I might make in saving energy.</p> <p>If the dollar amount of this increase is justified, I strongly urge that it be focused on the usage portion of the residential consumer's bill, not the fixed-rate portion.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Full disclosure of the added costs related to alternative energy methods of generation. I strongly believe that Washington electricity consumers are entitled to know how much extra we are paying in energy costs for the political decisions of recent years to "invest" in alternative energy. It is not my point here to argue that such expenditures offer no benefits; I'm sure they do. But we consumers cannot make informed cost-benefit assessments of these political decisions, and hold our political representatives accountable, if we are not told what the costs are. <p>Thank you for your consideration of these comments.</p>

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	george glessner	Web	The basic charge per month will raise 100 % They also did this a couple years ago. The average rate per kwh will raise from 8.85 to 9.75 to much .I live on ss security which only raised 1.5 % inflation is a lot higher ,go to a store ,I can't keep up now, with out a rate increase. Why don't pp&l use there profit to keep the system up dated ,and pay less dividends to their share holders,like any other business would do? L can't grow anything on my 10 acres,that would sell for more the the power bill. George
	The Central Christian Church	Mail	We at Central Christian Church object to the raise in rates proposed by Pacific Power. Our rates are already too high, they had a raise not to long ago and have not improved their service. We have had several outages that took quite awhile to fix. Please consider not letting them have the raise in rates they are asking for. Thank you. (((see notes tab to view letter))) Barbara Daniel

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	Larry & Lola Worden	E-mail	<p>9.5% residential increase in this economy? When mortgage rates are still under 4%? When car loans are still at 5%? When the GNP is growing less than 3% and Seattle CPI is barely over 2%? Really? When employees are taking pay cuts to keep their jobs? Just last year they were asking for 15%!!!</p> <p>The electric company pushes conservation so that we use less electricity so they can claim they need higher rates to get the profit they need. They are effectively charging more for us using less!</p> <p>They also like to show you the small difference it makes to the "average" user. Well, I am an average user with a detached home with four adults living in it. Our home is "all electric", meaning no natural gas for heating. We use electricity to run our heat pump system for heat in the winter and AC in the summer. Pacific Power averages our electric bill so that it is the same winter and summer, which we thank them for! Otherwise, our winter heating bills would eliminate Christmas gifts altogether. I recently put in all new "energy-saving" windows. Our electric bill was averaging \$380.00 per month. Now is all the way down to \$353.00 per month! The proposed rate increase for my home would be \$33.54 per month! I wouldn't complain if they were asking for a 3% or 4% raise. That would be acceptable. However, keep in mind that some of us haven't seen a raise in over three years!</p> <p>Maybe if they would quit breaching dams and instead keep the dams online to increase the power supply, we wouldn't need such a large increase.</p> <p>Please tell Pacific Power/PacifiCorp "NO!"</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yakima, WA 98901 Home Phone:</p>

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	Anonymous	Mail	<p>Envelop contained marked up copy of PacifiCorp's notice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9.5% increase. Wants to know how much for cities and businesses. - Wants to know what property PacifiCorp owns. - Almost 50% increase in basic charges. - 82 and on set income.
	Betty Ortiz	Web	<p>PHONE/RS The company wants to raise the basic monthly from 7.75 to \$14 which is a big jump. Then they want to raise the other rates as well. How are us low-income folks supposed to make it and stay warm when the company keeps raising the rates and we can afford it. We live on a limited income that we have to budget.</p>
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	Myrna J. Haddorff	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Yakima.
	Kate Prengaman	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Yakima. Representing Yakima Herald-Republic.
	Melvin Bennett	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Yakima.
	Larry Duren	In person	Attended public comment hearing in Yakima.

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	Gary L. moore	Web	I realize companies need to make a profit, the residential customers...like ..ME and my elderly mother(96) and I care for her at my 70 years of age. We share a large modular that uses alot of electricity for heating in the winter. There are alot of special programs including upgrade incentives we cannot either get or afford, help with the bill IF you are really poor! Why not charge one rate for these elderly people and give us a break? We pay the same payment every month ALL year of 257.00.....NOW how would you like that? I have to keep the house at 72 year around to keep my mother comfortable. I just got a bill for September that was only \$104.12 !!! That was great, but November, december, january, february, and march this is an average of sometimes over \$400.00 per month. We cannot afford this at allso think on what this is doing to the least able to PAY. ALSO I have noticed the expensive ADDS on television I PAY FOR!!! Thank You G.L.Moore
	Mary Gonzalez	Web	
	Andrew Weller		I'm o.k. with a 5% increase. But Pacific Power wants 9%. How come? Did they go into debt pushing wind power? Slow growth works. Just a thought. Sincerely,

