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Subject: Another slap in the face for the rate payer

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

To Mark Sidran Chairman
Philip Jones Panel members
Patrick Oshie Panel members

Hello again,

Well I see, it didn't take long for Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to put in and have the Washington Utilities And Transportation Commission (WUTC) approve the increases. This would be the start of the seven year of continual increases given to PSE by the WUTC.

As you know or should have known, PSE has come to the table twice a year for increases since 2001 and even though we had a change in the commissioners they still get what they want. As I read in the paper the Sound Energy was asking for a lot more and to justify this we gave them just a little.

Along with the increases PSE proposed for a \$17-a-month natural-gas service charge (from the current \$6.25 "too much and too rapid a change from a customer perspective." Instead it approved an increase to \$8.25 a month" PSE will be back probably twice more this year and of course the WUTC will approve their request and they will be at the \$17 a month natural gas service charge and of course more increases for natural gas and electricity.

Let see, PSE asked for a 9.2 percent electricity rate increase and received 1 percent. Then PSE asked a 5.3 percent increase for natural gas. WUTC approved a 3.2 percent raising the gas customer paying an additional \$2.84 per month. Then increase the month natural-gas service charge (from the current \$6.25 to \$8.25 a month. So PSE received a bigger increase then they originally asked for with the \$2.00 dollars a month locked in rate. The WUTC should have dropped the rate altogether.

In the proxy statement issued last year, Puget reported that Chief Executive Steve Reynolds earned salary and bonus of \$1.5 million in 2005, as well as \$882,000 in restricted stock, \$341,000 in a long-term incentive plan and \$257,000 in other compensation I bet Reynolds and you don't have a problem paying these continual increases but there is a lot of citizens' find it hard to justify the increases. Some increases are needed, but twice a year is excessive.

I have had people say if you cant afford the increases there are programs to help pay for these increases. I would say if the WUTC would learn to just say NO we wouldn't need some of these programs.

I have been retired going on seven years with no increases. Its called a budget. PSE should have a state audit done to see where the waste is.

As I said before the commissioners should be elected not appointed. The past seven years clearly shows where the WUTC have there priority's. Its not for the ratepayers. Puget Sound Energy customer and registered voter.

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