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I came today to ask that you postpone the request for Puget Sound Energy rate increase in view of the economic situation that we are currently experiencing. As a senior on a limited income the increase would make it more difficult to pay for the increases.

As a home owner in Thurston County, over the past two years :

Our property taxes has increased 23.3 %, (2008 - 13.9%, 2009 - 9.4%)

Puget Sound Energy has increased 8.5%, (2008 - 5 %, 2009 -3.5%)

This year our water bill has increased 10%,

Gasoline prices continue to rise every few days,

And Food prices are escalating.

The one thing that is not going up - - our Income. Social Security did not get any raise this year, and probably won't next year.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this to you today.

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