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Hi

I wasn't able to file electronically. Here's my comment:

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Help us all understand that we need to do better; June 29, 2023

There's tons of research out there showing that people will conserve energy if they see their neighbors are using less. I'd love to see our utility bills show what the median energy use is for our community -- maybe something that highlights this information in bills for the top 25% of users. (Or maybe you just include this information for the bills of the big users.) As some people conserve, the median drops and the incentives to conserve grow. This is almost costless, and I think over time, it would substantially drive energy use down. (You could probably find someone at UW who'd jump at the opportunity to design this.)

Personally, I'd love to see our bills also include the median energy use worldwide. People need to know that we're literally burning up the planet. I talked someone about this idea for our water bills on Mercer Island. We did it for a while (not the worldwide part), but he said it made people feel bad so they stopped. We've got to try harder. As you know too well, the climate emergency is now.

Thank you for your consideration.

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