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	David Lester	Web	What utility in the history of the state of Washington has submitted rate increase requests as frequently as Pacific Power? None that I can think of. This utility has the audacity to suggest that raising my rates yet again will save me money. Pacific Power already is guaranteed a rate of return of 7 percent. How much more do they need? I believe Pacific Power received an increase to pay off its investment in wind. Now an increase is requested to help the utility with coal-plant costs.  I oppose this two-tiered rate request and urge the commission to deny the increases.
	Delores Slocumb	Web	Not in favor of rate increase. Environmentalists are pushing for increase and this depreciate coal plants.
	Thos M. Lybbert	Mail	As a home owner, living on a fixed income of Social Security and a small pension, I am limited to my own available resources. There is a limit to where my living becomes handicapped. The increase sought by PPL is in itself an admission that it is NOT IN NEED of any increase. They are doing just fine. As they admit--even if they get the increase they may/will continue as they are for a considerable length of time. They are not broke, going into banruptcy. They have working money, just want more which is to be used as they see fit, and that is not an emergency that will help us who are their customers. Do not allow the rate increase--THEY DO NOT NEED IT.
	George Alexander	Phone	Consumer is opposed to another rate increase. Pacific Power's rates have more than doubled in the past 10 years.
	Garrett Fitchett	Web	Everybody wants more money including the power company. Being on a fixed income, everything goes up but not my monthly income. Hispanics get a break, why don't I? It just does not seem fair.

Case: 152253

Title: PPL Rate Case

PI Coordinator: Roberts, Andrew

Staff Lead: Jason Ball

## Public Comments by Case

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	Pat Sparks	Web	Us seniors on a fixed income are just barely surviving as it is. Cannot afford an increase in our electrical bill every month. We don't get no increase on our social security check, we don't get no raise with Obama in there. We pay our bills or we eat, we have one choice or the other.
	John Scott	E-mail	<p>Pacific Power should not be granted a rate increase.</p> <p>The audited consolidated cash flow statement for PacificCorp, parent corporation of Pacific Power, shows common-stock-dividend distributions exceeding net income for the years 2014 and 2015.</p> <p>The common-stock-dividend distribution for the year 2014 was 103.9% of net income and for the year 2015 was 136.7% of net income. By comparison, the common-stock-dividend distribution for the year 2013 was 73.3% of net income.</p> <p>It seems PacificCorp, the parent corporation of Pacific Power, is living beyond its means and now wants its customers – via a rate increase – to save it from financial woes of its own making.</p> <p>Pacific Power should not be granted a rate increase.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>John Scott</p>

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	Maia Mittelstaedt	E-mail	As a senior citizen on a fixed income (and a recently widowed woman), I am against a rate increase. We already pay between \$200 to nearly \$500 per month and I get just over \$2,000 combined from Social Security and my pension. Christina Maia Mittelstaedt 914 Goodlander Circle Selah, WA 98942 Sent from Outlook Mobile
	Ronald & Keltie Tuttle	E-mail	We Strongly Oppose any and all power rate increases.  Thank you,  Ronald & Keltie Tuttle 61 Sagebrush heights rd Yakima, WA 98903

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	Paul Jackson	E-mail	<p>PacifiCorp, docket no. UE 152253.</p> <p>I agree with the AG. There needs to be a watch on spending by energy companies. As in the case of Puget Sound Energy...while there CEO was taking in a nearly \$4million dollar salary, they were asking for a rate increase, and asking people to give extra for the company's "green" campaign/effort as well as their charity (to help the poor with their billing.) Something like that is unconscionable and needs to be stopped at all levels of monopolies where the rate payers have no choices.</p> <p>--</p> <p>□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□</p> <p>2503 Natalie Lane                      Steilacoom, WA 98388                      Trescott Research                      Steilacoom, WA                      trescott@umich.edu                      trescottresearch.com                      support writing: Plateauareawriters.org                      support live music: Gatewayconcertband.org</p>
	James McLean	Web	<p>If you read thier porp. closely you see they are not deser. of the incr. they asked. I am glad we have AG to read in depth and stand up for little guys. NO increase.</p>

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	Cindy R Hill	Web	I am reading in the Yakima-Herald Republic today & the article is about the proposed rate increase that Pacific Power is seeking. The article mentions that this would be the sixth rate increase since 2010! I am on Social Security & had to take an early retirement due to illness. I was told at the beginning of the year that SSI would NOT be receiving a COLA this year, that nothing warranted the increase. My heart sinks just thinking about all of the rate increases lately, let alone those that occur on items that I don't have a choice of using or not using. I believe that Pacific Power/Pacific Corp is beginning to feel the effects of those who are able to use solar power, therefore, they are trying to squeeze money from those who can't afford the switch. Please continue to push the rate reduction recommended by your office. My mortgage, utilities, medical care & medicine costs depend on you winning that recommendation
	Karen Pilon	Mail	***See attachment - copy of letter***
	Ramona Watson	Mail	***See attached letter***
	Ronald D Green	Mail	***CUSTOMER LETTER IS ATTACHED***
	Susan Westergard	Mail	***SEE ATTACHED LETTER***
	Dennis Lockard	Web	I don't believe utility companies ever really look for cost saving measures. I believe they are more intent on finding new means of creating expenses to run up costs. Our local office continues to throw money at every cause that sticks its hand out and finance hospitality and entertainment at many local events. Its too bad more people don't realize there really are no free lunches. Pacific Power wants us to pay for lunch this time, and dinner. Some of the wording describing the need for the rate increases is interesting: includes but not limited, greater planning flexibility, expiring regulatory asset amortization, decoupling adjustment mechanism, eliminate disincentives, certain renewable resources. Clear as mud to me! The absence of competition is bad for the consumer. I can't switch utility companies. I have to count on the UTC to keep them in check which I hope you will do. Thanks

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	Brad Warr	Web	Again! Every single year this company complains they need another 10 or 20 million dollars. It is astounding to me as a State employee myself in which I went 7 years without a pay raise and even took a 3% pay cut to help the State budget, that you yourselves would even consider doing this again and again to the hard working people who struggle to raise a family. Please, there must be limits set on this company, perhaps limiting them to every 8 years that they can claim they need a rate hike. Enough is Enough! Thank you,  
	Lenore Denton	Web	Seniors in town cannot afford and increase, Already uses electric as little as possible and senior customers cannot afford for them to raise the rates. It's ok for those rich people, but not for us here in Walla Walla on small incomes.
	Roberta Hopkins	Web	PHONE/RS  I'm low-income and on oxygen 24-hours a day and the rates are high enough and I can't afford to pay one nickel more. I pay over \$100 now and that is tight. I would like to vote that the commission does not allow them to increase the rates.
	Jonathan Kusler	Web	PHONE/RS  I'm 100 percent against this rate increase. Every year this company receives a rubber-stamped increase and it needs to stop. I'm on a fixed income and didn't receive a COLA. Ever since the green energy stuff got thrown at us by west side of the state and we get to pay for it on the eastside of the state. We don't have increases for social security or any governmental help and the company should not increase our rates. It needs to stop. We don't have printing presses like the feds do so we can't just make more money. The fuels are purchased south of the border and in Oregon. The company needs to stand down for at least three years and let people catch up to pay their bills. We have the worst rates in country due to the environment agenda on the east side of the state. Not everyone is a millionaire despite the general thinking. This is a solid no to the increase.
	John Klingele	In person	Customer submitted comment at the 4/25/16 public comment hearing in Yakima. See notes for flyers submitted by customer.

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	Louise Schneider	In person	Customer submitted comment at the 4/25/16 public comment hearing in Yakima. See notes for comments submitted by customer.
	Duane Thomson	In person	Customer submitted comment at the 4/26/16 public comment hearing in Walla Walla.
	Dale Kepley	Web	Dale called 05/05/2016 at 9*19 no access to internet asked UTC to complete online comment. TIRED OF PPL RATE INCREASES On the good side, when he located at present address he had noise on the radio and Pacific Power came out and took care of the pole and the noise abated due to new connections and cross arm. PPL advertises getting new appliances to decrease electrical costs, if we decrease electrical costs they make less money so now they are asking for an increase. Does this make sense? They advertise to install better insulation and windows to cut costs, they make less money...they want a rate increase. A while back they changed the meters on the house to make it electronic and that cut costs and now they still want rate increase. They want to build more substations and improve facilities they need to look down the road and budget for that. They advertise that they are a great company that has put in good lighting and that is supposed to save money on bills and it does... but it makes less income for them so that is another reason they need to ask for another rate increase. The lighting that is in public places are on all night and not efficient. Customer has exterior lights at own residence that automatically turn on at night and you can see that almost everyone has them they are not efficient and PPL is gaining money from those lights. Recently in Yakima a church and a school installed solar panels and decreased power consumption. They (the church and school) want to save money but that is less money for PPL, so PPL need a rate increase to compensate for that. Twice a year is too much, what about a break seniors who have limited income?
	Jane Voller	Web	PHONE/RS  I'm completely against this rate increase. I'm a senior on limited income. They are already padding the bill by increasing the basic charge. Every year they raise the rates and I'm tired of it. I'm 100 percent against this increase. Please do not allow this increase to go into effect.



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	Jason Elenbaas	E-mail	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I reviewed a notice regarding a proposed rate change by Pacific Power that I received with my latest electric bill. The docket number is UE-152253. I am not familiar with all of the jargon, but it appears that one of the motivations for the rate change is to make it possible for Pacific Power to more quickly get rid of coal as a source of power and to be more environmentally responsible. As a utility customer, I am frustrated by the ongoing effort to choose less efficient means of generating power. This puts our state and individual consumers at an unnecessary competitive disadvantage in support of a worldview that many, including myself, do not support. If someone wants to donate to wind and solar projects, let them, but please stop forcing this costly decision on the rest of us. Please reject this rate increase and seek to use cheaper, not more expensive, means of generating electricity.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Roger,</p> <p>Thank you for the reply and update. Please note that my concern is the opposite. I am frustrated by the ongoing efforts to choose more costly means of generating power (i.e. wind, solar, etc.) Jason</p>
<b>Undecided</b>			
	Bob Ponti	In person	Interested party with Opportunities Industrialization Center of Washington commented at the 4/24/16 public comment hearing in Yakima.
	Jade Wilberding	In person	Customer submitted comment at the 4/25/16 public comment hearing in Yakima.
	Donna Phillips	In person	Customer submitted comment at the 4/25/16 public comment hearing in Yakima.
	Wesley Akizama	In person	<p>Customer submitted comment at the 4/25/16 public comment hearing in Yakima.</p> <p>Customer had questions concerning solar incentives and credits. Company representatives were able to address the consumer's questions after the hearing.</p>

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	Ted Koehler	In person	Interested party made comment on behalf of Blue Mountain Action Council.
Yes			
	Phil Bird	E-mail	<p>Subject: Support of Pacific Power proposed rate change</p> <p>Ladies and gentlemen of the UTC:</p> <p>I am in no way connected to Pacific Power, except as a customer here in Yakima WA.</p> <p>Pacific Power must accommodate regulatory and legislative/initiative changes which are impacting the power industry.</p> <p>They provide great service.</p> <p>I have great faith in the rate making process, and support whatever decision you make relative to a rate increase for Pacific Power.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Phil Bird 305 Warrior Rd Yakima, WA 98801 509-469-7804</p>

March 21, 2016


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Utilities & Transportation Commission  
PO Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Pacific Power proposed rate increase

Again, we are advising you that we are against the proposed rate increase. We feel that the customer is always being billed for any costs Pacific Power should itself absorb. We feel customers are treated unfairly as they cannot go without electricity so the company decides to continue increasing rates.

We agree with your position to lower the increase and stop it until 2017.

  
Karen Pilon  
509 Bittner Rd  
Yakima, WA 98901

UTC

P.O. Box 47250

Olympia, Wa.

98504

Docket Number UE-152253

To whom it may concern;

I am writing this to say that I oppose the Proposed rate increase for Pacific Power & Light.

We are on a very limited income and both my husband and I are disabled so we cannot work.

We have to rely on various food banks to make ends meet now.

This would be an enormous hardship on us.

Thank you for understanding my position in this matter.

Sincerely;

*Ramona Watson*

Ramona & Guy Watson

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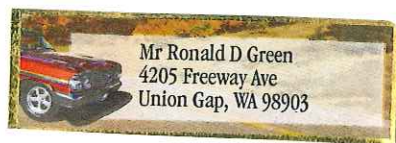
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I cannot believe that ever  
Time PP ask's for more money they  
get it; PP is one of the highest paid  
companies in the U.S, but they still  
get more, Dividends, Salaries, equip  
etc. when does it stop - I've had one  
small raise in 4 years 12/10, I live on  
less than 18,000 yr, and I pay out approx,  
1500 year to pacific power, that  
totally wrong.

I vote know  
on any raise for the next 5 yrs  
period, for one let the people  
be heard over government.

Pacific Power seem to tell us that  
pay for less then other states, we  
should, we built the power plants  
with tax dollars and the power plants  
are in are states WA, OR,

NO  
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NO



P.S. I could afford pacific power,  
if there was another company to get  
my power from I would.

03-26-2016

It is outrageous for P&L to send out useless comparisons of our power consumption in our neighborhood, then ask for a rate increase! I have not spoken to a single person who wants these notices, or appreciates the information. The #1 home in our neighborhood is vacant. (My father's). Save the time, paper & ink. Apply the savings to our bills.

Susan Westergard  
751 n. Pioneer Way  
Yakima WA

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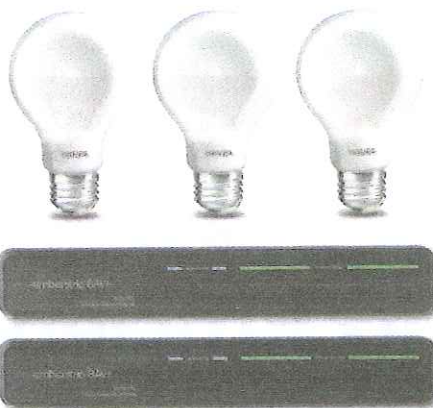




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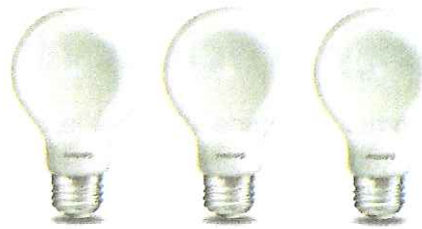
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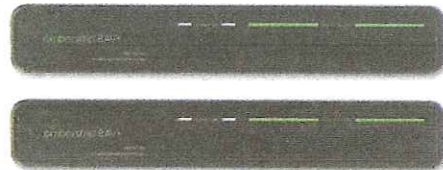
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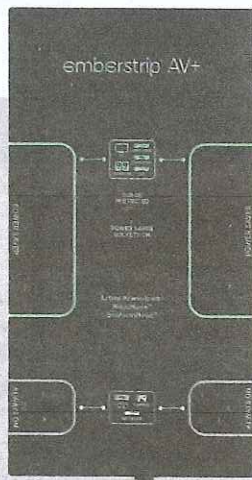


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<b>\$20.45</b>	
After energy rebate	
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Delivery	\$10.50
Utility rebate	+60.00
Total cost to you	<b>\$20.45</b> for 1 unit

BUY 2	
	
<b>\$9.90</b>	
	
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160 Fink Road

P. O. BOX 627

SELAH, WA. 98942

APRIL 25, 2016

TO: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

RE: Request from Pacific Power & Light Company for a rate increase.

I understand that the increase is for "upgrades to generation facilities and other infrastructure, improvements" which they claim are necessary for safe and reliable service.

My first question: Does the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission request Financial Statements from Pacific Power and/or PacifiCorp such as Profit and Loss Reports, Balance Sheets, Company Assets, Income Statements, Retained Earnings, Cash Flow Statements, etc. when the Power Company requests' a rate increase? If so are they considered in determining if a rate increase is necessary for the company operation?

In spite of the rate increases over the years all service has not increased. Several years back the power company used to send out employees to investigate the safety of power poles. They did that on my property. I was driving out to our corrals on a lane which passes a power pole with a transformer. I spoke to a Pacific Power employee who was digging around the bottom of the pole. I asked what he was doing and he informed me that he was checking the buried part of the pole and treating it if necessary to be sure the pole was not rotten and would not fall down.

The Power Company does not, to my knowledge, do this as often anymore or if they do it is a limited process. Last year a power pole fell over on the property of my son in the Wenas Valley. It started a small dry grass fire. The Power Company came out stood up the pole and placed a smaller pole attached alongside to be sure it would not fall down again anytime soon.

I now worry about the poles on my property. Would a rate increase assure consumers that the power poles that apparently were checked on a regular schedule would again be taken care of before they fall down? The Company did not ask for a rate increase at that time for that purpose. Assuming the rate

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From: Louise M. Schneider

To: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Increase is allowed I would hope that these precautions would be reinstated if they are not now being performed in some localities.

We irrigate alfalfa and pasture land with four different irrigation pumps. All pumps are above ground. At the end of the irrigation season when we are not pumping we get a bill for a "3 PH Annual Load Size Charge" for each pump. We are not using electricity at the time of the charge. The bill comes in November long after the irrigation season is over. Last year this additional charge cost us \$1946.68. In my mind that alone is a rate increase which we receive every year.

The most noticeable change for power customers since Warren Buffett invested in PacifiCorp in 2006 for 5.1 billion cash plus assuming a 4.3 billion debt for a total of 9.4 billion investment is the price of power steadily increasing and more quickly than other utilities in the region. I have testified at least four previous times regarding rate increases. These hearings seem to have become habit forming since Buffett acquired PacifiCorp.

I need electric power. I am stuck purchasing it from Pacific Power as there is no competition. Pacific Power is it or nothing. If I could afford it I would invest in Solar Power. At least I would get the satisfaction of not having to testify at these hearings every other year and would use power as needed. I do understand that PacifiCorp has invested in three Wind Projects in the State of Washington. I applaud them for that. However, I would hope they might consider Solar closer to Yakima. That might reduce our rates instead of constant increases.

Thank you for allowing me to testify at this hearing.

Sincerely,



LOUISE M. SCHNEIDER

(Information regarding Warren Buffett was from The Oregonian and US Business/NBC NEWS articles)