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WA Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC)

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RE: Docket UE-220066 (electric service) and UG-220067 (natural gas service)

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion. I am opposed to the proposal overall average rate increase of 15.8 percent for 2023, for the following reasons:

1. Consider the present cost of inflation and the impact that it has on low-income families and the elderly.
2. Cost of housing and the lack thereof.

Now, is not the time. Now is the time to establish common sense solutions to basic problems. Decarbonizing to comply with State mandates is a lofty goal to be achieved at some point the future with improvements in technology.

A rate increase of the proposed magnitude will only drive up the cost for those who can least afford it. Forcing many from the homes into homeless camps or other states.

Sincerely,



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