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Re: UE-220066 and UG-220067 Dockets

Utilities and Transportation Commission

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today via an accessible means.

This request for increasing our gas and electricity is another astronomical hit to the people of Washington. People cannot afford this, especially those on fixed income or low-income folks.

People don't buy new cars because we can't afford them.

Now the dealerships are telling us that they aren't making parts for vehicles in the 2000's. This is forcing people to buy a new vehicle at these high prices, pay higher tab fees, higher repair costs, and if electric, maybe paying \$22,000 when the battery needs replacing.

Food - prices are doubling.

Property Taxes: Today, I received my property valuation notice and it is up \$154,000, which will show huge increases again next year on property taxes. My property taxes are now around \$6,800 this year and approximately \$3,600 of that is for school taxes alone. Fixed income folks are being taxed out of their homes. The cut off point for adjustment appeals is too low for marginal folks to get help with a reduction.

Now PSE is proposing approximately 20% increase in gas and electric. If this is to support the "green new deal," then I suggest you get it from the Fed's new \$2 Trillion "Inflation Reduction Act" which includes huge funding for the Green New Deal.

The Green New Deal will need a 1,000% increase in mining to support wind and solar to meet the needs for energy replacement of oil and gas.

Currently, California can't even supply their own needs and are telling their people to shut down air conditioning and other items from approx 4-8 p.m.

Year's back, PSE was encouraging folks to convert to gas as it was supposed to be cleaner and cheaper. So folks invested \$\$ to make those changes. Now, another change is being request to convert to solar. My suggestion is to follow the money on these issues to find out who exactly is profiting from these decisions. Well, we know that Nancy Pelosi is with her big investment into Tesla as the government is now switching to Tesla vehicles.

For 50+ years we have been hearing that the world was coming to an end and each predicted date has passed. Now we have another new one.

Why are we succumbing to these things that are not common sense?

Can we please have some strong leaders step up and help rein this in and do the common sense steps to continue our already good environmental practices that don't turn the world upside down?

The bottom line is, we can't afford this high hit on another area of our finances.

I respectfully request that this increase be declined.

Thank you.

Mary Kern,

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