

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

RE: DOCKETS NE-220066 AND
UG-220067

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE UTC,

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE REQUEST BY PUGET SOUND ENERGY (PSE) TO RAISE ENERGY RATES; I URGE YOU TO NOT APPROVE THIS EXCESSIVE REQUEST.

THE REQUEST COMES AT AN ALL TIME HIGH OF INFLATION TO HOUSEHOLDS. INFLATION RATES OF FOOD UP BY 13.5%, GAS UP BY 16% AND ENERGY, AT CURRENT RATES, UP BY 16% AS WELL. WHERE DOES IT STOP? NOT BY RAISING RATES TO 28% IN THE YEAR 2023 ALONE! ADD TO THAT, FOR KING COUNTY RESIDENTS, PROPERTY TAX INCREASES.

ENOUGH! I ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER ALL THE IMPACTS TO RESIDENTS AND DENY PSE'S REQUEST OR, AT THE LEAST, TEMPER IT WITH A MORE MODERATE INCREASE. AN INCREASE MORE IN LINE WITH THEIR 2024-2025 REQUEST THAT AVERAGES CLOSER TO 3.8% OVER TWO YEARS.

SINCERELY,
KIM & STEVE McCOOL