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[EXTERNAL]

Hello!

I'm a Residential customer and I am writing to comment on the proposed rate increases to Puget Sound Energy services, Dockets UE-220066 and UG-220067, to be heard Wed. Sept. 28th.

A rate increase is inevitable; inflation is here, and everything is rising in costs and prices. However, the proposed increase amount for 2023 that PSE wants to put into place is staggering. I had to re-reading the notice three times to make sure I saw it correctly. 13%+ percent? And average of 15% percent in 1 year?

If you said a 1% or 2% increase over the next 5 to 10 years, I'd begrudgingly understand - no one likes bills going up, after all. but that is a "fair" amount to combat rising costs and makes sense. However, those increases in 2024 and 2025 plus a "bulk" one in 2023 of 13%/15%???

This is going to strain already strained customers. Everything is costing more, and most of us don't see automatic raises to our paychecks. Very few people get "expected" cost of living increases, and this high of an increase to something as essential as engery, is going to hurt the people that always get hurt the most when costs go up; families and middle-class citizens. Not to mention that with the push to switch to electric cars in our state, all of us will end up paying even more on our electric bills.

The reasoning behind this listed in the notice is nothing but buzz words. We all know everything is going to go up in price, so just say that. And if you really wanted to cut costs, how about not sending out those "efficacy reports" no one asked for and we can't opt out of? You know, the ones that tell you even those you are using under the amount they say too, that you still are using too much and keep your house at 63 in the winter?

The bottom line is that WA is already a high cost of living state, and a 13% to 15% increase in a single year is too much.

Please consider a smaller increase to the PSE rates.

Thank you.

~Isabelle Corvin