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Subject: PSE proposed rate changes

[EXTERNAL]

Dear (pronoun of your choice, since that seems to be vitally important to some people),

Concerning the requested Electric and Natural Gas Service rate increases proposed for 2023 and beyond, I implore you to reconsider and not approve the proposal as stated in recent communications to customers.

The average of these increases for 2023 is a whopping 13.26%!!!!

Inflation is over 8% currently and was 9.1% in June of 2022.

Has the customer base's income increased 13.26% in the past year? Has it increased even 3.26%?

As part of the aging middle class, these proposed rate hikes are WAY over-reaching people's ability to pay.

Smaller, more gradual increases can usually be managed in a budget for NOT huge leaps!

Please, please do reconsider this rate adjustment as we just cannot tolerate such abuse.

Sincerely, Mrs. Diana Antrim PSE Customer Hansville, Washington