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I have been on PSE for 30 years. I have planned and prepared for retirement. What I didn't anticipate was an extreme increase in electric and gas rates. In spite of being very mindful of what I can do in my home to conserve energy, the 2022 increase resulted in me paying an additional several hundred dollars to adjust my budget payment. PSE has never been shy proposing rate increases.

Inflation is already stretching finances much less PSE adding their unrealistic request while paying literally millions to their shareholders. PSE states there will be assistance available to those unable to cope with their monthly bill. It seems insane to place an additional burden to others which could be avoided if only rates were not excessively expensive. PSE is one of the most expensive providers of electricity and the only one to provide natural gas. They continue to become BIGGER and BIGGER covering a larger area and have a monopoly.

I know PSE is working to comply with the state mandate on energy to decarbonize. Maybe that timeline needs to be adjusted. Customers cannot continue to subsidize this agenda.

TPU is requesting a 4% increase and Steilacoom a similar single digit proposal.

My only alternative to get out from PSE's for profit company is to move from my home to a non PSE residence. I have prepared and maintained my house allowing me to keep my residence.

The reality of this is that most PSE customers are not even aware of this proposed request. A friend shared with me. I'm sure it was mentioned in a PSE bill but unfortunately most people simply pay the bill without reading much else until they noticed an increase from the 2022 rate increase.

Electricity and Natural Gas should not become a luxury.

I respectfully ask you to reconsider the proposed PSE increase.

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