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[EXTERNAL]

Greetings :

I appreciate that energy costs can be volatile for utilities. At the same time it appears it's always a 1 way ratchet for the consumer - as the rate doesn't appear to ever go down - even in a fluctuating energy price market. For many of us fixed-income state retirees (No COLA for PERS 1) that recently saw a \$500/year property tax increase, \$5/gal gas prices, 10% general inflation, and now a proposed 15% increase in our energy bills, this is not sustainable. It might work okay for a CEO with a million dollar compensation package - but not so much for us moderate income residential customers.

If this is in fact to cover increased energy costs - perhaps a surcharge that goes BOTH up & down with energy prices might be appropriate. But these double-digit rate increases are simply inappropriate & inequitable to consumers.

My family spent thousands of dollars on a highly efficient inverter heat pump to reduce our load on the grid and reduce our bills - only to see that investment in efficiency negated by PSE rate increases every single year. The PSE company will need to shoulder its part of the "shared sacrifice" in these times of erratic economics.

Thank you,
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