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UTC & Public Counsel,

I feel this rate increase is quite steep. I cannot pinpoint if this is price gouging, but I know they raised their rates the other year as they always add on increases for the new year and the years after. I feel the steep increase for the 2023 year is based on a concept of what one might call the used car salesman and asking for an incredibly exorbitant price because the last price didn't work so they ask for a more significant raise to get some percent.

Not all of this work at Microsoft or Google or Facebook, a lot of us just have regular jobs and are living paycheck to paycheck due to the increase in the cost of living, and now you want to increase electricity by almost 16% over what you already got granted in your previous increase?

This is outrageous you're shareholders aren't starving as most of us are and can't make ends meet and now one needs to make a choice between using heat/electricity or groceries?

You are the only company we can go with where we live, we don't get a choice of different companies, this is a full- monopoly! This is really ridiculous increase one does not even get that increase a year with employment for the cost of living~except for your shareholders or stakeholders.

This is unacceptable and there's no other competition to keep the price down this is a monopoly, this is price gouging, and this is unfair!

I also feel that the amount you say will generate is under, as you're not projecting the cost associated with the new transportation of the light rail and the electricity used for lighting in the East Side new trail.

Each year you try to raise by an exuberate amount also attaching an increase for the next couple of years after, so what is the increase you have already been granted for 2022, 2023, and 24? I feel you think some of us forgot that.

If people in Seattle are concerned about the Seattle City Light electric increase of around 5%, how is it your increase of almost 16% even compare?

The price of gas and groceries are hurting a lot of us and you ask for a 16% increase on top of what you already got granted last year for this year. PSE, you really stink.

Thank you,
Dana Harris