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[EXTERNAL]

Thank you for the opportunity to comment! It is very discerning to see a double digit rate increase for 2023 as proposed by PSE. Like most consumers inflation has taken it's toll. As a retired military officer, many of our young active duty folks in Kitsap County and retirees are struggling enough as it is, as well as many others living in the Greater Puget Sound Area. If rates go up commensurate with sustaining a viable public utility, that's one thing, but it must be justifiable. I've seen no explanation as to how this revenue (permanent increase) will be used for sustaining the grid. The Docket does not indicate if the rate is for just that year, or those years indicated will revert back to the current rate or becomes a permanent increase over the next 3 years which equates to about a 17% hike.

Again what is not disclosed is the cost to improve and sustain infrastructure verses the Salary & Support of PSE Executives & Employees. If PSE is asking to hike rates of the consumer it would be nice to know just how much they are getting paid and if they have reasonable COLA's built in for their employees (No Golden Parachutes for the Executives).

Now, I find it particularly odd that when we're trying to go green by pushing electric vehicles, which aren't exactly cheap for most individuals to purchase, let alone increase the price of electricity, that becomes **self-defeating** in the eyes of the consumer. It appears the auto makers and electric utility companies are try to capitalize on the Gov's rebate incentives (True Capitalism – Squeeze the Little Guy w/ Rate/Price Hikes). That being said, as consumers we need full disclosure and transparency as to how ANY INCREASE will benefit us.

Again, thank you for your consideration!

r/
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