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To the WUTC. I as a customer of PSE find these rate increases to be unjustified regarding the current reasons submitted to me by mail. To provide safe and reliable energy service should be the standard, and makes a great mission statement, for an electrical grid and or power company as no funds are generated when down. The 7,500 volt line that supply's my street has three separate breakers and all with in 75 yards of each other. I believe this line to be at least 75 years old. I understand what it means to be at the bottom of the pole, but I can't help but wonder were all that money was spent from that line over 75 years. The lineman just love resetting those when they pop loose. The state mandates decarbonization of energy systems. PSE meet's expectations of the customer and stakeholders by charging me an average of 15.80% increase in rates. I thought this public utility was regulated not deregulated. To allow for four years of capitol and operating investments made on behalf of customers not currently included in PSE rates, begs the question why has there not been any account of facts and financial figures submitted to justify any of the reasons given for this rate hike. Is PSE trying to recapture bad investments made for its operations or investments made on behalf of the customers? I can see higher operational costs if again you have honest facts and figures to justify them. I see nothing in that regard and increasing shareholders equity from 9.4% to 9.8% is ludicrous at this time due to the economy, world events, and pandemic.