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Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 11:29 AM
To: ATG WWW E-mail Public Counsel
Subject: Please reject the proposed PSE rate hikes

[EXTERNAL]

Dear UTC and Public Counsel Unit,

Please reject the proposed PSE rate hikes. This is a difficult financial time for middle class families, let alone those who are struggling financially, and utility bills are already very expensive. We pay between \$300 and \$350 a month, and we are a family of three living in a fairly small, energy efficient house.

PSE already has annual revenue over \$500 million. And, although 1/3 of our electricity comes from inexpensive hydro-electric power, the benefit of this natural resource is not being passed on to the rate payer.

Increasing PSE's return on equity from 9.4% to 9.9% should not out weight the public need for affordable utilities.

Thank you for your time and your advocacy on behalf of PSE customers.

Warmly,
Alicia Sands