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Subject: Puget Sound Energy Rate Proposals

Docket U240004 – Electric Service – 2025 – 6.74%, 2026 – 9.58% Docket U240005 – Gas Service – 2025 – 18.96%, 2026 - l.59%

## Honorable Commissioners:

I believe that these increases <u>are excessive</u> and <u>a burden</u> to the consumer. While I appreciate a business requires a minimum floor for income growth, the projected rates (Electric Docket U240004) for the <u>combination</u> of years 2025 and 2026 amounts to 16.32% and (Gas Docket U240005) for the two years is 21.03%.

PSE's consumers projected rise in costs over two years would be (electric) \$177.21, gas increases are even more, \$228.08. Or, for an electric/gas customer a total of \$415.32/year.

For customers that are low income, on a fixed income, or struggling young families, this would present a considerable financial burden.

I urge you to consider the economic impact for customers and how best to accommodate Puget Sound Energy's needs and avoid the brutal consquences these increases would cause their customers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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