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[EXTERNAL]

I just received my most recent statement from PSE and was stunned by the proposed increases in costs. I am 72 years old, retired, live alone and am on a very limited income. I already only heat my home to 60 degrees. I use a small electric heater when needed, or a heating pad. Or I just go to bed early to keep warm. Nothing is turned on unless I am using it. These proposed increases are impossibly high for someone in my situation. And, I can assure you, I am not the only one in this situation.

I will never own an electric car. I will never have solar on my roof. I can afford neither. I understand the desire to go green, but moving too fast is only going to severely harm the poor. In case you hadn't noticed, inflation in all areas is extreme right now. This changes will only make it that much worse.

Perhaps this world would be better off if all of us seniors just froze to death, or died soon by some other means. It certainly is pointing us in that direction. Please consider reducing the amount of increase requested.

Thank you,  
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