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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Via email: [comments@utc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@utc.wa.gov) and [utility@atg.wa.gov](mailto:utility@atg.wa.gov)

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my concerns about Puget Sound Energy's proposed rate increases for 2025 to 2026.

Utility rate increases harm my clients in several ways, especially during economic uncertainty. As a real estate agent and broker, higher utility costs make properties less attractive to potential buyers, especially those on tight budgets or fixed incomes. Increased rates also add to my business's operational expenses through higher energy costs in maintaining office space for our team.

Furthermore, these higher costs can slow down the housing market, as potential buyers may hesitate to invest in a home when monthly utility expenses continue to rise at unprecedented rates. As you can imagine, this ultimately affects both the value of homes and the speed of transactions, that will greatly impact both buyers and sellers as well as my own livelihood.

Please reject PSE's proposed tariff revision and put Washingtonians first.

Sincerely,

Christina Janis

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