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**Subject:** Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Rate Proposal

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Reader:

Please register my objection to PSE's requested rate increases.

1. Virtually all the rate increases are several times greater than inflation would justify.
2. Commercial and industrial (NOT interruptible) rates have higher proposed percentage increases than residential, but the actual proposed rate is still about 6% LOWER than the residential rate.
3. Interruptible rates are drastically lower. This raises questions:
  - a. What percentage of PSE's delivered therms are "interruptible"? How many customers benefit from these rates?
  - b. What's the history of these "interruptions"? Unless the interruptions are frequent or prolonged, does a customer who qualifies for this billing reduction (about 80% for Schedule 86T, the most expensive of these schedules, compared to Schedules 23 and 53) actually suffer enough of a disadvantage to justify such a rock-bottom price? I would expect PSE to be able to support these bargain Schedules with data showing mean, median and mode for both the number and duration of interruptions
  - c. I am pleased and grateful that our residential gas service has not been interrupted in the ten years we've been customers. If we do suffer a gas service interruption in the future, which of the several "interruptible" rates would apply? For what duration would the rate adjustment be granted?
4. If we are serious about reducing dependence on fossil fuels, shouldn't the rate schedule REDUCE the "basic charge"--even if it requires a corresponding INCREASE in the per therm charge—to create a greater incentive to use fewer therms? Historic patterns of use should be able to establish a revenue neutral shift AWAY from fixed charges.

Sincerely,

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