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[EXTERNAL]

I am appalled that our utility company is owned by foreign investors that have no interest in providing affordable energy to WA residents. It appears PSE was granted cumulative increases on residential customers in 2023 and 2024 of over 10.5% (electric) & 8.1% (gas). Now they want another cumulative increase of 16% (electric) & 21% (gas) for 2025-26?

My income (nor inflation) has not increased anywhere near this much and I find it hard to believe a utility company has such high variable costs. I also thought PSE has been encouraging people to improve energy efficiency so why are costs skyrocketing under the management of these Canadian pension funds? Are we here to fund Canadians retirement plans as Washington residents (that have no alternative choice for power) or ensure Washingtonians have affordable energy?

I request that you deny their increase and consider forcing the Canadian pension funds to sell their ownership (maybe to WA pension funds????).

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