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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,

As a remodeling contractor serving Thurston County and operating within Puget Sound Energy's service area, I am writing to express my concern over the proposed rate increases for electric and gas services in the coming two years.

Many of my clients are already managing tight budgets, particularly due to the rising costs of labor and materials. Even a modest rate increase would exacerbate their financial challenges, making it harder for homeowners to afford essential upgrades that improve energy efficiency or address accessibility needs. A large portion of my clientele consists of retirees and individuals on fixed incomes, who are especially vulnerable to any increase in their monthly expenses.

I urge you to reject PSE's proposed tariff revision in order to protect homeowners and ensure that necessary home improvements remain accessible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Erwin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "E".

John Erwin

Owner & President | **John Erwin Remodeling**