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[EXTERNAL]

As a private citizen, I am writing to oppose the proposed increase in utility rates by PSE.

(1) The rate increases are much more steep than the percentage increases of Social Security for senior citizens.

(2) Utility companies are accommodating increased corporate use of electricity for internet data collection, when most people don't want all of this data collected to begin with, when we often have to agree in order to use a website, when we are spammed with too much e-mail and when the results of the artificial intelligence on our data are often incorrect and when the ads they display don't match what we want to buy.

We should oppose attempts by companies to collect data and perform AI analysis that we don't want, and we should be making policy in favor of conservation and on much greater restriction on our data collection.

For example, to sign up NBC Peacock network, members of the public have to give NBC the right to collect data on whether we ever held a public office in a labor union and what positions we held in a political party. Why should that be required in order to watch a TV show?

There should be less data collection, more conservation and lower electricity rates.

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