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We are writing in opposition to a rate increase by Puget Sound Energy.

1. BASIC Charge - The basic charge was originally set up to pay for employees of Puget Sound Energy to go from house to house to read the meters. This is no longer being done. The amount of electricity used by each customer is now read on line. Therefore, this basic charge should be eliminated.
2. KILOWATT CHARGE - The kilowatt hour charge use to be 0-1200 kwh at one price and any thing after 1200 kwh was at a higher price. Now they want to cut the kilowatt hours in half? This is not acceptable . The average residential customer uses more than 600 kwh hours per month.

Puget Sound Energy needs to cut back on wasted money like the ads they show on television. We are sure these ads cost large amounts of money yet they really don't convey anything to the consumer.

We purchased a heat pump last year in order to save money. It did save us money (electricity vs propane). With this new rate increase we will be right back where we started before we purchased the heat pump which cost over \$6,000.00.

We received a rate increase just last month. Is this legal?
Also, our bill is every two months not monthly.

Sincerely,

Thomas Watson



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