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We are concerned with the PSE electric service rate changes proposed for December 2017 (we are not a natural gas service customer).

We received a rate increase on May 1, 2016 from \$.095539 to \$.097543 - a 2.1% increase.

Then we received another rate increase on May 1, 2017 from \$.097543 to \$.100413 - a 2.94% increase.

Now you are requesting a further rate increase to be effective sometime after December 2017. It is requesting a rate increase from \$.093229 to \$.094292 - a 1.14% increase.

We trust the UTC is in a position to fairly evaluate the reasons for your requested rate adjustments, but as a general comment we are getting tired of hearing about environmental, clean air and emission reduction requirements and the ever-increasing emphasis on green power driving up our power costs. We do not want to subsidize those who wish to install solar panels, who would never install them if they had to pay the true economic cost themselves, just to support an industry that cannot thrive on its own without "charitable" contributions from ratepayers.

Also we strongly disagree with PSE's desire to start collecting funds for a proposed closure of a coal-fired electrical generation plant in Montana, which may not even happen, but if it does happen, would not occur for at least another 5 years.

What is the need and justification for increasing the basic charge from \$7.87 to \$9.00 per month - a 14.36% increase?

Respectfully,

Conrad & Ingrid Brownlee

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