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I will make this short.

I am totally opposed to another rate increase by Puget Sound Energy. Every time us lowly customers turn around we get hammered by another rate increase from them.

We are using less electricity year over year and yet our monthly payments continue to go up.

PSE claims the need to raise rates is to;

1. Replace aging underground cable. We have no underground cable in east Skagit Ccounty or probably in all of Skagit County
2. Increased decommissioning of the Montana coal use station. We are not in Montana. We don't use coal. We are hydroelectric here. Charge the Montana users. And, by the way, those dams were built with and have been maintained with taxpayer funds starting in the 30's.
3. Etc.

Enough is enough. It's continuous. Use less electricity, pay the company less, charge the customers more. Use even less electricity, charge the customers more, and so on.

And of course they are going to charge less for natural gas usage. Why? so they can get more customers using natural gas and once that happens they can raise the rates again.

One last thing. In PSE's flyer that comes with the bill they tout how they hit the repair time target for 94% of their "planned outages". Big deal! Let them set repair time rates for "unplanned outages" to justify their rate increases. That is what the customer is interested in.

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