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Hello Attorney General,

My name is Allison Sell I'm writing this email due to the proposed increase for electric. I know you do not know me and I do not know you. I'm hoping at the end of this email you will know me just a little bit.

A little about me. I'm 47 years old and live in Olympia Wa. I moved here from Hawaii to help friends. Before that I was born and raised in Pennsylvania. Unfortunately when I lived in Pennsylvania I was injured on the job. I was a CNA going to school for LPN. At a clients house I was one person of a two person assist for repositioning in bed. We said to lift on three and agreed on this. When we got to three the second person didn't lift but I did. I hyurneated six disc and pinched a nerve in my neck and lower back. That happened back in 2000 and I'm still having severe issues with not only my neck but whole back. I have tried working and at this point I can not. With that said I'm on Social Security Dissability.

So my income is this 1,065.00 a month. This is how my money is spent every month

Rent:\$350.00

Car insurance/ renters:\$106.00

Garbage:\$56.00

Phone:\$89.00

Loan for car repairs:\$105.50

Past Medical:\$60.00

Electric:\$138.00

Gas:\$80.00

What is left over goes for food.

There is another part to this. Do to my income I pay copay s for all Dr. Appointments and for all medications. I can't afford any of that. My copays are from 15.00 to 75.00 for Dr. From 2.95 to 25.00 for meditation. That doesn't include dental at all or even eye care. For me I need eye care cause of glaucoma. I have a medical spend down of \$1,816.00 every 6 months. If it wasn't for Providence Hospital I wouldn't be getting any medical care cause my copays I can't afford at all.

So now PSE wants to increase the electric income they receive. For basic charges and also the rate of kilowatt- hours. It might not seam a lot to most people but for me I can not afford another increase of what I spend a month for electric. When I just was increased for my car insurance. Even though I have had zero accidents. I have checked into getting help from community action and other help I do not qualify cause I make to much. Same with why I have copays for all medical. Think about that statement for a few min. I earn 1,065.00 a month and make to much in a month for help.

I can't afford my bills as it is if electric goes up I might as well live on the street. Cause that is what it is coming down to. I lived on the streets in Hawaii and honestly do not recommend anyone living that way even there. I understand that things need to be fixed and repaired. Well for me to get back to work I also need to be fixed and repaired so I can do that. This increase will put me in a position that I will not be able to do just that. I hate the fact that I can't work. I cry every day cause this life is not a life. I live in constant pain, can't even wash

my hair, can't do dishes, can't go to the store with out help, can't lift things, way to many cants. I want to work, lift, wash my hair, clean, do dishes, work in the garden, cook, all of this and more.

As you can see this increase even though very little it's a huge deal to people like me on disability or low income. I wish for once some of the people in businesses like PSE and also in government positions would have to live on the incomes of the low class. Live for one year on welfare and public assistance. The income we get, insurance we get, and the food stamps we get. Like me food stamp any where from \$16.00 to \$88.00 a month. Also use the food banks for help with food. This should be mandatory in my point of view so that people can see and feel what we do every day of our life. I feel like a failure cause I have to use any assistance. I know this is not most cases but this is the feeling of a great number of us.

Thank you for the time and hope this helps you to understand the lower classes feeling of the increase proposed. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at [allisonsell@yahoo.com](mailto:allisonsell@yahoo.com)

Thank You,  
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