

Total Comments: 710

In Favor: 3

Opposed: 703

Undecided: 4

Filing Support	Commenter	Source	Comments
No			
	Jodi Gable	E-mail	I highly object to the proposed rate hike by PSE. This is not only a ridiculously high amount, but it is a huge money grab by this now foreign controlled investment group. This rate hike is most probably equal to the amount of money they have spent in trying to muscle through the unnecessary, but lucrative for them, project Energize Eastside. In essence, rate payers are being asked to fund the very work and resulting expenses PSE has incurred in fighting the strong opposition to Energize Eastside, a project that offers these foreign investors a very high and guaranteed rate of return. PSE used to do an outstanding job and was a community partner. It has become very apparent that it is now focused on maximizing investor returns. It was a mistake that we ever, ever allowed PSE to be sold in the first place. This rate hike is not called for.
	Monica Fix	E-mail	Dear WUTC, I am writing in concern about the proposed PSE rate hike currently in work. Proposed rate hikes of 6.9% and 7.9% for electricity and gas respectively seem unfairly high given our slow economic growth of recent and forecasted. I ask that you conduct a fair evaluation and decline this outrageous request. thank you.
	Barbara Braun	E-mail	Dear Commissioners, I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state, and PSE's reliability is low due to a lack of maintenance on their existing poles. . Please reject this request! Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. They clearly do not care about their customers and are investing in projects that favor shareholders only. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to

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	Peter Carbon	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban</p>

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Lynne & Gene Olson	E-mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are completely opposed to PSE's request for big rate hikes to fund their unneeded infrastructure: Energize Eastside, Lake Hills TransmissionLine, and the Tacoma LNG facility. • If rate increases insured cleaner energy, instead of expanding gas and gas fired electricity, I would support an increase. They are not investing in smarter technology or under grounding wires. They are already charging us extra for dubious investment in "green energy". And yet their expansion is not into "green energy sources". 	
sherri monteith	E-mail	<p>I grew up with a PUD that provided consistent service with reasonable prices. Rather than award more money to a privately held service, pls begin the process of creating a public utility district. thank you!</p>	

	Richard Mikita	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a 75 retiree, on a fixed income, and a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>
	Frances Korten	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners</p> <p>I live on Bainbridge Island and am a customer of PSE.</p> <p>I am writing to urge you to deny to PSE the major increase in rates that they are proposing. It is not clear why they need huge increases. What is clear is that they are resisting the move to clean energy mandated by our state government and urgently needed by our society.</p> <p>I would actually be willing to pay more if I knew the funds would go toward cleaner energy.</p> <p>But PSE wants to pursue gas. The Seattle Times reported that PSE is part of "...a coalition of unions, businesses and consumer groups to tout the benefits of natural gas and to help "prevent or defeat" initiatives that inhibit its use.... They're calling the coalition "Partners for Energy Progress," and a public launch is scheduled next year."</p> <p>I do not want to pay PSE to pursue an agenda that is contrary to my personal values, the goals of my community and the urgent imperatives of the planet.</p> <p>Please deny this rate raise.</p>
	Stephen & Suzie Wagner	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p>

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	Jennifer Jorgenson	E-mail	<p>I'm retired, handicapped, and elderly with a fixed income. My retirement and Social Security payments don't increase. I'm trying to stay in our family home and it's a struggle. My property taxes continue to increase. I cannot afford an increase of this magnitude to my utility bills.</p>
	Beth Hanley	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is upset to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's energy is already among the highest in the state and I'm unsatisfied with Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>I would like to see more clean energy options, underground wires, better vegetation management with preservation of trees, and increased response times to outages. Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, I respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>
	Marilyn Mayers	E-mail	<p>Dear UTC,</p> <p>Puget Sound Energy is not serving Washington state well. It is outrageous that they are asking for yet another rate increase which results from their poor management decisions based on developing fossil fuel infrastructure. We do not want electricity derived from coal or fracked gas. Period.</p> <p>Had they paid attention to the community earlier, they could have initiated serious investment in clean energy sources--hydro powered storage, wind and solar, thermal, tidal--as opposed to more pipelines and coal. State guidelines ensuring a nearly 10* guaranteed return provide the wrong incentives for them to address climate</p>

			change. We need a fundamental change--allowing further rate increases just enables them to continue the same outdated strategy. Enough! Do not extend any rate increases to PSE!
	Linda Young	E-mail	<p>I am a homeowner for many" years in the "Olympus" Development, Newcastle, WA 98056 and I strongly feel that Puget Sound Energy should NOT get any increases in their charges.</p> <p>They have spent countless money pushing their useless ideas for installing high poles and increased voltage through neighborhoods and we the home owners know there are better alternatives.</p> <p>Also why in America do we have foreign countries owning our power supplies? Are you under the illusion that these countries will always be "kind" to America - because if you do then you are really living in a dream world.</p>
	Gerald Watkins	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>
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Eugene G. Gierek	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>	
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Bruce & Cathy Williams	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>We are PSE customers who are OUTRAGED and dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state.</p>	

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	Kathleen and Dennis Ossenkop	E-mail	<p>***See attachment for customer comment***</p> <p>Honored Commissioners,</p> <p>Please reject the Puget Sound Energy (PSE) request for increasing the Electric Service rate for residential customers to 7.7% and for Natural Gas Service residential customers to 7.5%</p> <p>For details see attached letter.</p>

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	Simon	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its gas rates by 7.9%. Please reject this request! While natural gas price has dropped almost 50% during past three years, the rate consumers are paying to PSE has increased substantially! All the extra money will be going to foreign investors pocket while our citizens shoulder the burden. I respectfully ask the Commission to deny this outrageous rate increase request from PSE.</p>
	David B. Weiseth	E-mail	<p>Customer Care team,</p> <p>The recently received notice of proposed PSE rate changes includes figures that seem excessive amidst our continuing economic climate of low inflation rates. An increased rate request based upon a desired "9.8% return on equity" is a desired progression that appears excessive, unwarranted and unrealistic. Hopefully, whatever rate increase is approved will be more in line with normal rates of inflation.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
	Alannah McKeehan	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>
	Dawn Waterer	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p>

			<p>Please don't increase gas and electricity rates in Bellevue. I already cannot afford heat because my gas bill is \$900+ in the winter. My children stay in their bedrooms because I set the temperature at 58°F. PSE earns enough money in profits and should not be allowed to gouge us!!!</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>
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	Randall Tada	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners, I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request! Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the</p>

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	Karen Sullivan	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners, I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request! Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>
	Janet Kusakabe	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>
	Jeanne DeMund	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE gas and electric customer. I urge you to deny PSE's rate increase requests in the above two Dockets.</p> <p>PSE has consistently refused to engage in real dialogue with the citizens of East King County and with its own Technical Advisory Group on the matter of transmission planning in general and the so-called Energize Eastside project in particular. PSE has postponed and then canceled discussions on these topics, and then PSE has delayed the Integrated Resource Planning process altogether for this round. PSE has spent \$69.5 million on this project as of December 2018, and has consistently refused citizen group requests to provide data to enable an outside review of the underlying need for this project.</p>

			<p>Natural gas prices are very low. PSE should not receive a rate increase at this time. Their current rates should be sufficient to provide service and maintain facilities.</p> <p>PSE's foreign investors should not be given a windfall profit on the backs of Washington ratepayers. Please stand up for the citizens of Washington and deny both these rate increase request.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
	Chit Saw	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer and am writing to object to the company's proposed rate hike of 6.9% and 7.9% for electricity and gas respectively. Our rates are already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request! Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents like myself, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>As PSE has time and time again demonstrated its lack of commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, I respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>
	Carrie Coello	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>
	Dean Smith	E-mail	<p>Please...PLEASE...reject PSE's outrageous rate increase request. They are already the highest priced gas and/or electric utility in the state. They are polluters. They intend to desecrate 300+ trees on the Eastside to build</p>

			<p>gigantic towers to increase capacity THAT IS NOT NEEDED. They lie. PSE is a foreign owned monopoly that does not care about anything but profit.</p> <p>Please. NO to a rate increase.</p>
Abel Carp	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>	
Margaret R. Moore	E-mail	<p>January 29, 2020</p> <p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. We have attempted to work with PSE to develop more reliable, less damaging ways to meet future demands, but they have refused to offer anything but bigger, uglier outmoded solutions. Foreign ownership of the company seems to insulate them from any need to respond to customers' needs and concerns and to turn to alternative 21st century opportunities to generate power for the Pacific Northwest.</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These energy projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy.</p>	

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	Sean Cox	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request until PSE presents a plan that funds clean energy utilizing modern technologies.</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue outdated infrastructure projects. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>
	Abby Majercik	E-mail	<p>I have made several phone calls regarding your September 27, 2019 letter about having my gas conversion burner serviced. In finally spoke to someone several weeks ago and was told I would be contacted about scheduling an appointment. I haven't heard from anyone about scheduling and I have called again, but still not heard back from anyone in your department.</p> <p>My account # is 200012210684 And my name is Abby Majercik 206-459-1031</p>
	Scott McClay	E-mail	<p>I oppose any rate hike for PSE's fracked gas at this time.</p> <p>The UN's IPCC scientists have clearly stated we need to cut fossil fuel use ASAP--a major reduction of 50% by 2030. PSE has no plan to address that--even tho they also sell electricity, and could phase out gas and increase electric sales. In fact PSE is fighting tooth and nail right now against a proposal to ban new gas hookups in Seattle.</p> <p>PSE needs to develop a plan to phase out gas--business as usual cannot continue as our planet warms, bringing floods, fires, droughts, sea level rise, migrating pests, killer heat waves, and more.</p> <p>Further, part of the request for this increase is due to an explosion in BC Canada affecting gas prices--we are being asked to pay for corporate failures. Pipelines don't explode due to 'acts of god'--they explode due to poor</p>

		<p>maintenance or human error. This illustrates gas is not safe nor reliable, another reason to phase it out.</p> <p>The UTC should deny all PSE requests until they have a clear plan to address GHG emissions. That is, they must create a plan to end all sales of gas and close down their business. "Our house is on fire--we must act like it."</p>
Kevin Jones	E-mail	<p>PSE is requesting a 7.7% increase in residential electricity rates. One point of justification is “technology systems ... that allow customers to interact with PSE at their convenience”. You should reject this portion of the rate case request. During the 2017 IRP Hearing and the 2019 PSE IRP processes, which includes 125 inputs at the May 2019 Listening Session, not a single customer asked PSE to provide an improved web interface.</p> <p>What customers have asked for, over and over again, is for PSE to use current science and up to date data in the IRP process. Incorporating these requests would enable PSE to acquire assets that truly represent least reasonable cost, though both lower cost electricity generation assets and technologies that reduce peak loads, thereby removing the need for new capital assets.</p> <p>Unfortunately, in response to multiple technical inputs at the listening session, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient technical justification for capital projects • Use current renewable energy costs • Use current demand forecasts • Incorporate demand response <p>PSE responds:</p> <p>“Stakeholders do not always agree with PSE’s decisions related to the model inputs... Stakeholders will have an opportunity to revisit many of the technical topics discussed during the 2019 IRP process.”</p> <p>PSE is saying “stakeholders can try again in the 2021 IRP process to get us to address these technical issues.” They are ignoring the opportunity to do so now, in response to these Listening Session customer inputs.</p> <p>PSE failing to address these very specific technical inputs means they are also ignoring the legislative demand, in the Clean Energy Transformation Act, that “utilities have an important role to play in this transition”.</p> <p>So you will be courtesy copied on another letter from me to PSE, again asking them to provide actual responses to customer concerns. Hopefully, along the way, PSE will create a public participation process that values true dialogue with PSE customers and Technical Advisory Group members.</p> <p>Meanwhile, hundreds of PSE customers are asking the utility to include items in the IRP analysis that will</p>

			reduce cost and allow the utility to reduce their carbon pollution. It is critical that you send PSE a message, as the State Legislature clarified in the Clean Energy Transformation Act, that they get on with it. I urge you to hold the utility accountable to this outcome by setting a firm precedent in this rate case hearing and disallow any costs that are not aligned with customer requests and CETA goals.
S.D. Lawrence	E-mail		<p>I'm 67, Retired, worked 14-18 hour days for over 32 years - and PRAY I can keep a roof over my head.</p> <p>I moved here from CA where they have the highest energy rates in this country.</p> <p>And I pay MORE to PSE than I EVER DID in CA.</p> <p>AND - I had a bigger house there.</p> <p>AND - I have triple pane windows here, have had PSE out, and they said I have one of the most well-insulated houses they've seen.</p> <p>PSE HAD NO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ME TO SAVE MORE MONEY.</p> <p>Every year, PSE asks for a Rate Increase. It's just a game with them.</p> <p>You wonder why there are so many Homeless up here. It's NOT the cost of Rent or Home Ownership - it's the COST OF PAYING THE UTILITIES and UPKEEP.</p> <p>PLEASE FIGHT FOR US.</p> <p>KEEP ME FROM BECOMING HOMELESS SO THESE CEO'S CAN PAD THEIR POCKETS MORE.</p>
Russell Borgmann	E-mail		<p>Honored Commissioners,</p> <p>I am deeply concerned that Puget Sound Energy has asked the WUTC to approve a 6.9% rate increase for electricity revenue, and a 7.9% rate increase for natural gas revenue! That translates to more than \$200 million annually for a majority Canadian shareholder-owned corporation. What do rate payers get for that much money? Better reliability? PSE is not serving customers in good faith to communicate a compelling vision for the future of our energy, via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaner, renewable energy • Increased safety • Improved reliability • Smart technology and micro-grids to maintain power through natural disasters/malicious attacks • Preservation of our tree canopy to promote and maintain clean air quality

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparent reporting and accountability, via implementing programs like Time-of-Day pricing • Faster response to outages • Better vegetation management • Undergrounding transmission/distribution lines <p>I am deeply concerned that the proposed “Energize Eastside” transmission project has costs “hidden” in this rate increase. PSE has already spent \$70MM on this proposed project (studies and advertising), and it remains unapproved for construction by all jurisdictions. PSE has not justified the need for this project. PSE has obfuscated facts by failing to provide data showing peak demand for electricity on the Eastside. PSE has grossly inflated forecasts to justify Energize Eastside. PSE’s annual reports to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission show peak demand has been falling throughout PSE’s territory over the last 15 years. Yet PSE representatives have stated this proposed “Energize Eastside” project is already baked into our rates!</p> <p>The Commission has stated that this project does not follow Washington Administrative Code 480-100-238 which requires PSE to submit a biannual Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) describing future generation and transmission needs. PSE has violated this code by repeatedly omitting transmission planning from the IRP. The proposed “Energize Eastside” project would not significantly improve reliability yet would not increase reliability, increases safety risks around aging jet fuel pipelines, destroys thousands of valuable urban trees, and raises electric bills by hundreds of millions of dollars throughout PSE’s service territory. The primary benefactors of these rate increases are not rate payers, but PSE’s foreign investors.</p> <p>PSE customers are already pay among the highest electricity rates in the state. Given the current statutes for regulated utilities, you, the Commissioners, have the power to deny a rate increase. I urge you to exercise your authority, enforce the Washington Administrative Code, and for PSE’s own sake, encourage the company to listen to its customers and engage with community leaders. Until PSE takes corrective steps, please reject PSE’s requested rate increases.</p>
	Sharon Ruzumna	E-mail	<p>The deplorable history of PSE’s service on Bainbridge Island makes this call for a rate raise a joke. The power goes out on the Island regularly, and I don’t see any commitment by PSE to improve their record. Even getting a rebate when the power is out for days is made impossible. Do not grant them an increase unless/until the company demonstrates their willingness to upgrade the infrastructure on Bainbridge, and probably in other areas as well.</p> <p>Sharon Ruzumna sruzumna@earthlink.net</p>
	Barb Drake	E-mail	<p>Dear UTC commissioners,</p> <p>Thank you for taking public comments for PSE’s proposed rate hike for their "natural gas" services, which I am</p>

deeply concerned about and adamantly oppose.

I visited your home page to learn that your commission was established as a “watch dog” for the public good to curb market abuses by investor-owned utilities, like PSE, and that you have substantial regulatory authority over these utilities.

I also read that your mission is to protect the people of Washington State by ensuring that the practices of investor-owned utilities, like PSE, are safe and reliable.

I now want to explain why I oppose this rate hike and provide you with some recommendations to consider:

This rate hike:

1. funds the deadly extraction of fossil fuels out of the ground in British Columbia and Alberta and the widespread delivery of harmful "natural gas" throughout 7 counties in Washington State. There is nothing “natural” about natural gas. It is a highly destructive fossil fuel and much of it is fracked, destroying the health and well-being of those around the fracking sites while also destroying the climate we all depend upon. This is totally unsafe.
2. funds the alarming increase in Global Warming emissions that is driving ecosystems, wildlife, and humanity toward an unlivable climate on our entire planet. We are now at the beginning stages of what is called “the 6th extinction”. Though "natural gas" emits less carbon dioxide than coal or oil, the real DANGER lies in the drilling and extraction of “natural gas” from wells and its transportation through pipelines, resulting in disastrous leakage amounts of methane, the primary component of “natural gas”, that is 34 times stronger than carbon dioxide at trapping heat over a 100 year period and 86 times stronger over a 20 year period (from the Union of Concerned Scientist article, 2014), This is totally unsafe.
3. funds PSE’s investor-owned banks and companies in Australia, now the world’s largest distributor of coal and oil, which further increases deadly, climate-wrecking greenhouse gases globally. This is totally unsafe and unsustainable as costs of climate change catastrophes mount and mount and species go extinct at an alarming rate.
4. funds the continued use of dangerous fossil fuel energy when there is a global urgency to transition to clean renewable energy. Every continent needs to act NOW or NOBODY in the future will be safe.

Recommendations:

1. Develop an annual Climate Action Policy and Plan with the governor’s office and add it to your home page.

		<p>Actions should be measurable.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Require investor-owned utilities to provide annual Climate Action Plans that show positive measurable results in the reduction of fossil fuel emissions. 3. Allow ONLY “natural gas” that is not drilled and extracted from wells (fracked gas). 4. Work with all cities and counties in Washington State on a plan to increase public power and eliminate investor-owned power, like PSE. 5. Mandate leak-proof pipelines that deliver “natural gas”. 6. Work with the Washington State Legislature, the Clean Air Agency, and governor to appropriate funds for equipment that monitors methane leakage at the source and along all pipelines. 7. Mandate that all remaining fossil fuel energy be transitioned to clean renewable energy by 2030. 8. Deny all rate increases for fossil fuel energy. <p>Thank you for your time to read and consider my submittal.</p>
	Sue Stronk	<p>E-mail</p> <p>Commissioners—I echo what Don Marsh says below.</p> <p>I live in Newcastle and will be affected by the Energize Eastside Project—where PSE continues to refuse to share data with those with the proper CEII clearances. We need proof this project is needed before any attempt to build this dangerous project. If they refuse to share the data—then force them to go through EFSEC for approval. Energy demand is flat everywhere—PSE refuses to change their historic outdated projections! This is an overkill of a project if only a “peak shortfall” can be determined. Reward PSE for using 21st century solutions—not for building poles and wires everywhere—without a bidding process!! STOP—feeding the lying bully!!</p> <p>PSE throws money around like rocks—and we pay for it.</p> <p>Do your diligence—call any US energy utility company and ask them if they would put 2-230kV lines within a 100’ right of way (from house roof to house roof) with 2 hazardous Olympic pipelines running down the center of that right of way, those pipes are 16” and 20” diameters, carrying 13 million gallons of jet fuels through a dense residential area on the eastside.</p>

		<p>I can guarantee you —there is not another utility that would do this—so why can PSE? Because they are bullies and you continue to allow them wiggle room! They will force their way for profit!! They have spent \$69 million to “sell” this project!! I have called and talked to many utilities which say they need 120’ to 150’ right of way just for 2-230kV lines—and would obviously need to assess how much more with the pipelines central. We live in the Seattle earthquake fault zone and this is very unsafe to have these tall pole footings so close to uprooting these pipelines should they shift or fall over.</p> <p>Until PSE can be safe, honest, and transparent—they deserve nothing from us—Except a PUD!</p>
Dana Kapela	E-mail	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I agree with the following comments of Don Marsh, President of CENSE.org and TAG Member from Bellevue Bridle Trails representing 9000 residents.</p> <p>The Eastside community is deeply concerned with two local transmission projects: Energize Eastside and the Lake Hills Transmission Line. The Commission has stated that these projects do not follow Washington Administrative Code 480-100-238 which requires PSE to submit a biannual Integrated Resource Plan describing future generation and transmission needs. PSE has violated this code by repeatedly omitting transmission planning from the IRP. This is important because these transmission lines would not significantly improve reliability yet would destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, increase safety risks, and raise electric bills by hundreds of millions of dollars throughout PSE’s service territory. The primary benefactors of these projects are not rate payers, but PSE’s foreign investors.</p> <p>For example, PSE has already spent over \$70 million on studies and advertising for its Energize Eastside project, yet refuses to provide data demonstrating the company’s assertion that peak demand for electricity is growing rapidly on the Eastside. PSE’s annual reports to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission show peak demand has been falling throughout PSE’s territory over the last 15 years.</p> <p>As we speak here tonight, PSE is preparing to cut down 300 trees in East Bellevue to build the new Lake Hills Transmission Line. Although PSE claims this project will improve reliability, the fact is that it would have prevented only one or two outages during the 13 years since it was proposed. The cost to our community and our natural resources is simply too high. The project was unanimously rejected by the East Bellevue Community Council and is strongly opposed by the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association. It is also opposed by CENSE and ten other neighborhood and environmental groups,* as well as over a thousand residents who signed a petition asking PSE for a better solution.</p> <p>Given the current statutes for regulated utilities, you may not be able to stop these projects, but Commissioners do have the power to deny a rate increase. We urge you to exercise your authority, enforce the Washington Administrative Code, and for PSE’s own sake, encourage the company to listen to its customers and engage with community leaders. Until PSE takes corrective steps, we ask you to reject the company’s requested rate increase.</p>

	Brett Parmacek	E-mail	<p>To all who have control.</p> <p>I just read this email from Don below. I totally agree and believe that PSE needs to be held accountable to meet their contractual obligations before being able to move forward with any future plans that impact my community. There are many questions the PSE is just refusing to answer and it seems many of our leadership is ok with them not doing so. As a citizen and Bellevue resident I am impacted and I expect you to hear my and others concerns and follow through.</p> <p>Do the right thing and stand up to PSE and hold them accountable to what they owe us.</p>
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			Cristina Dugoni 6229 132nd Ave NE Kirkland, WA 98033, Bridle Trails Resident since 1966.
	Sue Stronk	E-mail	<p>*** See attachment***</p> <p>I do not support a PSE rate increase for the following reasons. I have been involved in the Energize Eastside project for the past 6 years and this is what I see:</p> <p>**PSE over-inflates their numbers.</p> <p>**PSE makes political contributions and sponsors city events- I assume for favors. In Newcastle—PSE approached a city council member about building desired ballfields if PSE could stage trucks and materials on that city property for the EE project. PSE also approached Newcastle Trails saying they will connect trail routes far away from the EE project location as “mitigation”. I call those tactics bribery—not mitigation.</p> <p>**PSE has never stated a project cost for Energize Eastside- which they said they would after a route was chosen—that was years ago. PSE recently said at the Renton EE hearing—that the “ project cost” is between PSE and the UTC —later!</p> <p>**PSE has spent over \$69 million to date on EE alone without a pole in place-much of that money spent on advertising and social media trying to sell this project to the public.</p> <p>**PSE has a blank check from the state— without a using bidding processto earn almost a 10% return. On EE alone they will profit more than a \$billion dollars! The more PSE spends—the more they make.</p> <p>**PSE will not share the data to confirm that the EE project is indeed needed. If EE gets built and ratepayers are charged for an unneeded project—that is consumer fraud.</p> <p>**PSE is not held accountable to using 21st century solutions to energy needs which are cheaper and safer —as other states are doing. Thus- - PSE is not prudent!</p> <p>Reject this rate increase until PSE is held to be the honest and accountable utility we deserve—OR—PSE needs to be replaced by a PUD that will have ratepayers as their first priority and not foreign investors</p>
	Eric Browning-Larsen	E-mail	<p>I support the comment from CENSE copied below. Sincerely,</p> <p>Eric Browning-Larsen</p>

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	LaVonne Sigler	E-mail Notice of requested changes to PSE rates and public hearings. I do not agree with any rate increases.

		<p>My bills are 2 months behind in my electric and Natural gas bills at this time. I have spend over \$10,000.00 in up grades to the resident, under PSE promotional Energy savings. Every time I agree to be energy efficient programs, Guess what are rates go up. I can't pay any more and I'm 2 months behind now.</p> <p>PSE should pay there own upgrades. We have to figure out to pay are own upgrades. PSE always makes it sound so easy for them to store energy from there past promotions on Solar. They should of already had all this in place. They could reduce employees, they could reduce thermostats to 65 degree to make up for money they need. WE HAD TO TURN THERMOSTATS TO 62 DEGREES AND PUT MORE CLOTHS ON. STOCKHOLDERS (shareholders) should get wise and start checking what is going on, unless they get a higher kick back.</p> <p>I hope PSE does NOT get permission to raise rates.</p>
	Janis Medley	<p>E-mail I thank the UTC's energy staff for recommending that PSE's request for a 6.9% rate increase for electricity be reduced to 2.5%.</p> <p>To the public, it is not at all clear how PSE would use the increased revenue. PSE's website notes in its General Rate Case Statement that:</p> <p>"Puget Sound Energy filed a request with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) on June 20, 2019 to increase rates for gas and electric customers so PSE can continuing making strides in providing clean, reliable energy. This filing will allow PSE to accelerate the shutdown of coal-based energy and make investments in a modern grid that can accommodate high levels of residential solar, battery storage and electric vehicle penetration. Customers also want user-friendly, self-service tools that allow them to interact with PSE at their convenience. This filing includes key technology investments that will continue to increase customer satisfaction and allow PSE to keep pace with the digital transformation that is impacting all industries."</p> <p>However, after looking through the documents for docket UE 190529, I was unable to find find how PSE's budget would be allocated because all the spread sheets were completely redacted For example, how could I find out what percentage of PSE's budget would be used for grid modernization vs purchasing natural gas for generating electricity. It is very difficult for a rate payer to see how well PSE's budget allocations match up with the "green" promises described in its extensive advertising and public relations.</p> <p>I must trust the WUTC Commissioners to uphold the recommendation of the WUTC Staff.</p>

Chris Helms	E-mail	<p>I support the comment from CENSE copied below. Do NOT approve the rate increase until PSE has been transparent and met their obligations for reporting.</p> <p>Sincerely, Chris Helms PSE customer 4149 133rd Ave SE, Bellevue 98006</p> <p>Honored Commissioners, I write to you in my role as president of the non-profit citizen's organization CENSE, the Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy. I've served on PSE's Integrated Resource Plan Advisory Group for several years, and I'm now a member of the company's Technical Advisory Group. These volunteer roles have provided some insight regarding PSE's future plans.</p> <p>The Eastside community is deeply concerned with two local transmission projects: Energize Eastside and the Lake Hills Transmission Line. The Commission has stated that these projects do not follow Washington Administrative Code 480-100-238 which requires PSE to submit a biannual Integrated Resource Plan describing future generation and transmission needs. PSE has violated this code by repeatedly omitting transmission planning from the IRP. This is important because these transmission lines would not significantly improve reliability yet would destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, increase safety risks, and raise electric bills by hundreds of millions of dollars throughout PSE's service territory. The primary benefactors of these projects are not rate payers, but PSE's foreign investors.</p> <p>For example, PSE has already spent over \$70 million on studies and advertising for its Energize Eastside project, yet refuses to provide data demonstrating the company's assertion that peak demand for electricity is growing rapidly on the Eastside. PSE's annual reports to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission show peak demand has been falling throughout PSE's territory over the last 15 years.</p> <p>As we speak here tonight, PSE is preparing to cut down 300 trees in East Bellevue to build the new Lake Hills Transmission Line. Although PSE claims this project will improve reliability, the fact is that it would have prevented only one or two outages during the 13 years since it was proposed. The cost to our community and our natural resources is simply too high. The project was unanimously rejected by the East Bellevue Community Council and is strongly opposed by the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association. It is also opposed by CENSE and ten other neighborhood and environmental groups,* as well as over a thousand residents who signed a petition asking PSE for a better solution.</p> <p>Given the current statutes for regulated utilities, you may not be able to stop these projects, but Commissioners do have the power to deny a rate increase. We urge you to exercise your authority, enforce the Washington</p>
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Jim Loring	E-mail	<p>Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission P.O Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250</p> <p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>Puget Sound Energy's current request for increases in natural gas and electric service should be denied. PSE's request for an overall 7.9% increase in Natural Gas Service - generating an additional \$65.5 million in revenue to the company – is not justified. Spot prices in natural gas for the past several years have been stable (https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/hist/rngwhhdM.htm). Technological innovations such as fracking have reduced the long-term costs associated with assuring constant supplies. The PSE offers no additional conservation and/or environmental protection measures. Their request has not been adequately justified and should be rejected. Puget Sound Energy makes a similar unsupported request in its overall 6.9 increase in Electric Service, designed to generating an additional \$139.5 million in revenue. PSE customers already have some of the highest electricity rates in the state. The company is building unnecessary infrastructure such as Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG facility in order to raise rates and increase profits – contradicting the Commission's guidance that PSE adopt grid modernization - “smat grid” strategies – such as energy storage (batteries), etc.</p> <p>I respectfully request that the WUTC reject PSE's rate adjustments and direct the company to adopt more a more forward-thinking approach to energy distribution.</p> <p>Regards – Jim Loring</p> <p>Jim Loring E jmsloring@gmail.com T 425.559.8396</p>

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	Gregg Selby	E-mail	<p>Honored Commissioners,</p> <p>As a concerned rate payer, I agree with the following comment asking for a denial of PSE's request for a rate increase.</p> <p>Gregg Selby 4595 89th Ave SE Mercer Island, WA 98040</p> <p>-----Original Message----- From: donmarsh <donmarsh@cense.org> To: comments <comments@utc.wa.gov> Sent: Wed, Jan 22, 2020 09:08 AM Subject: Comment for Docket UE-190529</p> <p>Honored Commissioners, I write to you in my role as president of the non-profit citizen's organization CENSE, the Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy. I've served on PSE's Integrated Resource Plan Advisory Group for several years, and I'm now a member of the company's Technical Advisory Group. These volunteer roles have provided some insight regarding PSE's future plans.</p> <p>The Eastside community is deeply concerned with two local transmission projects: Energize Eastside and the Lake Hills Transmission Line. The Commission has stated that these projects do not follow Washington Administrative Code 480-100-238 which requires PSE to submit a biannual Integrated Resource Plan describing future generation and transmission needs. PSE has violated this code by repeatedly omitting transmission planning from the IRP. This is important because these transmission lines would not significantly improve reliability yet would destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, increase safety risks, and raise electric bills by hundreds of millions of dollars throughout PSE's service territory. The primary benefactors of these projects are not rate payers, but PSE's foreign investors.</p> <p>For example, PSE has already spent over \$70 million on studies and advertising for its Energize Eastside project, yet refuses to provide data demonstrating the company's assertion that peak demand for electricity is growing rapidly on the Eastside. PSE's annual reports to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission show peak demand has been falling throughout PSE's territory over the last 15 years.</p> <p>As we speak here tonight, PSE is preparing to cut down 300 trees in East Bellevue to build the new Lake Hills Transmission Line. Although PSE claims this project will improve reliability, the fact is that it would have prevented only one or two outages during the 13 years since it was proposed. The cost to our community and</p>

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	Michael Alotis	<p>E-mail</p> <p>I agree as well. Michael Alotis 13823 SE 58th Pl Bellevue, WA 98006 Sent from my iPhone</p> <p>On Jan 22, 2020, at 11:10 AM, David Schwartz <davids58@gmail.com> wrote: I agree with the attached comments.</p> <p>Thanks, David Schwartz 13805 SE 58th Place Bellevue, WA 98006</p> <p>-----Original Message----- From: donmarsh <donmarsh@cense.org> To: comments <comments@utc.wa.gov></p>

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Kathy Preciado	E-mail		<p>Gentlepersons,</p> <p>The private corporate that runs our access to this utility is CHARGING the RATE PAYERS to GUARANTEE the majority Canadian shareholder-owned</p>

		<p>corporation a profit. Their target is 10% profit. Washington consumers are a captive audience. We have no other choices. Our only protection is UTC' ability to refuse this rate hike.</p> <p>It is particularly unfair to propose an increase in the gas rate, when PSE has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on Nov 1, 2019, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. This is just plain greed and abuse of their position as our only supplier for a necessary utility.</p> <p>Additionally, it is contra our state's goals to fight climate crisis to continue to support, and by giving a rate hike, in effect, encouraging the continuing reliance upon dirty fossil fuels. Fracked gas is particularly harmful.</p> <p>REFUSE THIS REQUEST FOR A RATE HIKE. Temporally it is greedy, not needy. It is environmentally imprudent. It is contrary to Washington state goals for energy.</p> <p>Vote NO</p> <p>Kathy Preciado-Partida, MD</p>
	Margaret R. Moore	<p>E-mail January 22, 2020</p> <p>RE: Proposed Puget Sound Energy Energize Eastside project proposal – Docket number UE-190529</p> <p>I am writing in response to the above named project – PSE’s plan to build 18 miles of high voltage energy lines through multiple Eastside communities. Based upon available data and current developments, I believe this project is both unnecessary and unduly burdensome on rate-payers far into the future.</p> <p>When PSE originally presented this plan more than 5 years ago, it was based upon future consumption estimates. Actual consumption has fallen far short of the original estimates, so much so that PSE has removed the information from their website. The truth is, while population and business construction have both increased, actual consumption has declined due to conservation measures and improved technology. Seattle City Light has released figures showing the decline in actual usage throughout the region, which parallels what we would expect throughout the Eastside. Even though the demand for energy will probably grow somewhat in the coming decades, there are better ways to meet that demand that are much less expensive, more responsive to new technologies, and far less damaging to the environment than expanding huge, expensive high-voltage transmission lines powered by coal-fired plants.</p> <p>Bottom line: Lacking evidence that increased high-voltage transmission lines are the only way to meet future energy needs, it would be wrong to allow PSE to go ahead with the Energize Eastside plan that is not needed as submitted and will cost consumers millions of unnecessary dollars for years to come.</p>

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	Gwen Hanson	E-mail	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I wholeheartedly agree with Don Marsh's CENSE comments and request that you deny PSE's application for a rate increase. My opinion reflects 50-100 members of my Bellevue chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby. I am also a member of the Washington Academy of Family Physicians and the Washington Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility. We are so upset about PSE's unresponsiveness to our desire to keep our trees and transition to battery storage of clean energy that many of my volunteers are now trying to establish a Public Utility District on the eastside to replace PSE . I want them to succeed. PSE's mercenary actions give them a huge war chest. They already used it to help defeat Washington's carbon tax (I-732) and the will most certainly try to squelch our PUD efforts. You have the authority to help us. Please use it.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
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	W. Robert Moore	<p>E-mail Honored Commissioners,</p> <p>As a CENSE member and financial supporter I agree 100% with the comments below by Don Marsh. It is really alarming that PSE, largely a foreign-owned entity, is so insensitive to the concerns of thousands of citizens on the Eastside who will have to pay for what appears to be a security risk and an environmentally irresponsible financial play for the benefit of PSE investors. Please consider doing what you can to have PSE pause and rethink their energy supply strategy for the 21st Century for the benefit of their customers.</p> <p>Thank you, W. Robert Moore 4707 135th Place SE Bellevue, WA 98006</p> <p>From: donmarsh@cense.org [mailto:donmarsh@cense.org] Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 9:08 AM To: comments@utc.wa.gov Subject: Comment for Docket UE-190529</p> <p>Honored Commissioners,</p> <p>I write to you in my role as president of the non-profit citizen's organization CENSE, the Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy. I've served on PSE's Integrated Resource Plan Advisory Group for several years, and I'm now a member of the company's Technical Advisory Group. These volunteer roles have provided</p>

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Li Yu	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I agree with the following comments as a Bellevue resident. I ask you to reject the PSE's requested rate increase.</p> <p>Li Yu, 13800 SE Newport Way, Bellevue, WA 98006</p>

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Sincerely,

Don Marsh, president

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	<p>Larry G. Johnson</p>	<p>E-mail</p> <p>To the WUTC:</p> <p>Citizens for Sane Eastside Energy (CSEE) joins in CENSE's request below, for the same reasons.</p> <p>Larry G. Johnson Attorney at Law, WSBA #5682 Citizens for Sane Eastside Energy (CSEE); www.sane-eastside-energy.org 8505 129th Ave SE Newcastle, WA 98056 tel.: 425 227-3352 email: larry.ede@gmail.com</p> <p>On Jan 22, 2020, at 9:08 AM, donmarsh@cense.org wrote:</p> <p>Honored Commissioners,</p> <p>I write to you in my role as president of the non-profit citizen's organization CENSE, the Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy. I've served on PSE's Integrated Resource Plan Advisory Group for several years, and I'm now a member of the company's Technical Advisory Group. These volunteer roles have provided some insight regarding PSE's future plans.</p> <p>The Eastside community is deeply concerned with two local transmission projects: Energize Eastside and the Lake Hills Transmission Line. The Commission has stated that these projects do not follow Washington Administrative Code 480-100-238 which requires PSE to submit a biannual Integrated Resource Plan describing future generation and transmission needs. PSE has violated this code by repeatedly omitting transmission planning from the IRP. This is important because these transmission lines would not significantly improve reliability yet would destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, increase safety risks, and raise electric bills by</p>

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	Karina Dethlefsen, Olaf Dethlefsen, Scott Jeffry B	E-mail	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Please don't raise our electric bills.</p> <p>It isn't right to punish people for being prudent, solar energy should be encouraged not discouraged.</p> <p>On behalf of the elderly and the disabled, please do not do this, we need the heat, especially during the cold Winter months.</p> <p>As American government should still be legislated by the people, we do not agree with this price hike.</p>
	Rodney J. Johnson	E-mail	<p>In the Wall St. Journal, 1-21-2020 we find: Natural-Gas Prices Fall Below \$2 Mild weather and oversupply have pushed the commodity to levels not seen since April 2016</p> <p>Also, in paragraph 3 of the article: The shale boom that transformed the U.S. energy industry has flooded the market with natural gas in recent years, with producers often pumping the fuel as a byproduct of oil-drilling operations. The decline has hit shares of energy companies, raising calls for them to curtail production. But few analysts see signs of the glut abating soon: The U.S. Energy Information Administration predicts dry natural-gas production in the U.S. will rise by 2.9% in 2020.</p> <p>Please include my comments as opposing the rate increase for gas and electric.</p>
	Scott Kaseburg	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer and object to any increase in their rates. Their behavior in the very misguided "Energize Eastside" project has soured me with a private company who believes that they are guaranteed recovering all</p>

			costs, no matter what they might do.
	Paul Meury	E-mail	<p>I am an electrical customer of PSE, living at 2142 Gravelly Beach Loop NW, Olympia, WA, 98502. Please deny the currently requested rates increase by PSE.</p> <p>My rates are already among the highest in Western Washington and see no reason PSE should be rewarded with this increase.</p> <p>Their maintenance history is quite poor, as is their response during power outages.</p>
	Mike Smith	E-mail	<p>I am a senior living on a fix income.</p> <p>The SS administration only increase my SS income per the price index.</p> <p>With this purpose rate increase of 7.7 % would be a hardship on me.</p> <p>I think their increase should be tide to the price index to, like mine.</p> <p>I think the rate of 7.7% should be denied.</p>
	Julie Lomax	E-mail	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>WUTC Commissioners,</p> <p>We have been made aware that Puget Sound Energy has asked you, the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) to approve energy price increases of 6.9% for electricity and 7.9% for natural gas. This is totally outside of any reasonable increase and very burdensome. This is above and beyond an increase that can be handled by PSE customers. This will greatly affect the lives of so many people as we all live in a very expensive area. Please deny this request. This needs to be widely publicized in order for you to consider the public outrage, rather than being swept under the radar and approved on February 6, 2020, without duly considering public comment.</p>
	Trevor Heringer	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>It has come to my attention that PSE requires your approval to raise electricity and gas rates. Please reject this request.</p> <p>Over the last 2 years, I have watched PSE repeatedly decline to work with local communities to understand, discuss, and cooperate with community requests. There has been no indication to the public that this rate increase will do anything to improve service, reliability, or clean energy. At this point, I would ask you to approve a rate increase only if it immediately results in more transparency and accountability, and cleaner energy.</p> <p>Again, until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>

Sarah Robinson-Bertoni	E-mail	<p>Subject: Stop PSE's abusive project: Tacoma LNG</p> <p>January 31, 2020</p> <p>Dear Washington UTC,</p> <p>I am writing to express my dismay and disgust that when our state, nation, and world are facing deeper sufferings based on climate changes, instead of PSE aiming to meet the climate challenge, the company is asking to increase the danger to our communities through the Tacoma LNG site.</p> <p>First, the explosion risk of LNG Tacoma site is unacceptable. This is a dense urban area close to a major Pacific port, a major military site, and a number of schools, universities, places of business, and homes. A 2014 explosion in eastern Washington at an LNG site scorched an area and resulted in steel launched 300 yards into the sky and 100 yards away across the ground. This risk is unacceptable. https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/lsquomiraclersquo-nobody-died-in-blast-at-eastern-washington-lng-plant/</p> <p>Second, the tideflats are tribal lands, and PSE has begun building without permits. The 1854 Treaty of Medicine Creek was not adequate to protect local lands from exploitation over the years, but even the treaty is being cast by the wayside with PSE's actions in starting to build the Tacoma LNG site without requesting and receiving permitting from the tribes whose lands are under, nearby, and otherwise affected by this site. This is unacceptable.</p> <p>Third, the LNG site won't even serve Washingtonians! The sale of Liquefied Natural Gas to ships does not provide any benefit to Washingtonians more generally, only to PSE financially. The cost of building it is passed along to Washington's power consumers. This is exactly why government exists, to protect consumers and citizens from companies that seek their own gain at our people's expense. This is unacceptable.</p> <p>Fourth, Washington state's governor has expressed nationally his interest in addressing climate concerns, as well as climate injustices. The Tacoma LNG site is antithetical to both crucial goals. If the state wants to remain in integrity with its own goals, Tacoma LNG is unacceptable. This is unacceptable.</p> <p>Fifth, gas leaks, even when less explosive, cause health damage to the local community. In 2019, two natural gas leaks happened in Seattle, and workers during one leak needed to be hospitalized. This is unacceptable.</p> <p>Sixth, gas leaks are inevitable with such facilities, and so-called "natural" gas is methane, one of the worst climate heating gases. The cloud of methane released in gas leaks intensifies global warming, since methane is a more profoundly hazardous greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. This is unacceptable.</p>
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	Michael and Tracia Wong	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>We're PSE customers dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. And it's service from the day we built our new home in Newcastle has been far below par by any standard. Opening several accounts for us at the rebuild site different from original account in addition to the one in our temporary residence by necessity. I remember the hellacious accounting nightmare PSE needlessly created due to its customer unfriendly practices. Please reject this request for rate change.</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>
	Marlene Winter	E-mail	<p>WUTC Commissioners, We have been made aware that Puget Sound Energy has asked you, the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) to approve energy price increases of 6.9% for electricity and 7.9% for natural gas. This is totally outside of any reasonable increase and very burdensome. This is above</p>

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Jana Yuen	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>	
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	Trish Rogers	E-mail	<p>Rewarding self-serving, not public serving behavior by a public body is an amazing head in the sand moment. PSE SHOULD NOT BE REWARDED WITH YET ANOTHER RATE INCREASE. Our rates are currently high compared to others under PSE. I would like to see a public utility that is answerable to the public oversight bodies rather than a company in California. I feel it is the legislature's job to protect us and most equitably provide for essential public services. We are all watching to see what you do.</p>
	Dale Gunnoe	E-mail	<p>I object to the proposed PSE rate increase. The company spent a huge amount of money driving an unneeded and environmentally unfriendly lines through Eastside cities so it could eventually sell electricity to Canada and reward its Australian shareholders. Let PSE live within its budget and honor its commitments as it should. Otherwise let's get rid of foreign-owned utility companies in Washington. On second thought, let's go for all the above.</p>
	Joachim Veith	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases. We can literally look to the other (Seattle) side of Lake Washington where typically the customer have electricity when we have another power outage. And, coming from Europe, I know how much underground lines help stabilize the grid. The North end of Holmes Point Ave experienced pretty often storm related events including the power lines, and the power lines cross the street 8 or 9 times during the short ascent of Holmes point Ave to Juanita, which is</p>

			inherently a safety issue. We talked to PSE engineers more than 10 years ago, with no results in this aspect.
Kristi and Tom Weir	E-mail	Dear Commissioners, I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request! Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. PSE ignores new technology which would obviate the need for its huge infrastructure projects. Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.	
Joan T Seko	E-mail	Dear Commissioners, I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request! Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.	
Eric Kent	E-mail	Dear Commissioners, Please reject PSE's request to increase our Gas and Electric rates. PSE's rates are already high and this request is at least partly driven by overly expensive projects that increase their cost basis artificially without helping our community. Their investment strategy is based on flawed demand data used to promote large expansion projects that are nothing more than a tool to raise costs and	

		<p>thereby their share of the profit.</p> <p>More to the point, living expenses for many of us are reaching all time highs and sending \$200m more per year to off shore investors is simply wrong. While the majority of PSE customers are suffering from stagnant wage growth PSE is looking for an 8% raise.</p> <p>We are all for investments in new technology and systems that make our communities better looking and more efficient. Underground transmission lines, energy storage systems, and promotion of homeowner power efficient technology should be PSE's priority. Charging us \$200m to line the pockets of the investors is not what we can or should support.</p> <p>Please deny their increase.</p>
Kristin Pedersen	E-mail	<p>PSE Public Comment Hearing</p> <p>No PSE rate hikes for gas and electricity.</p> <p>No fracked gas.</p> <p>No LNG facility.</p> <p>No more fossil fuel infrastructure.</p> <p>No more supporting the fossil fuel market.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system. • We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message. • This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available? • PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It's inevitable that this won't be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age. • This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part. • In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that “PSE's next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled,” demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options. • -When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused:

			contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.
Inga Walker	E-mail	Dear Commissioners,	<p>I am a PSE customer who lives in Tacoma and is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Also, I do not support the LNG plant despite living in very close proximity to the Port of Tacoma. I do not believe it is fair to ask consumers to pay for a facility that they have vocally and forcefully rejected on numerous occasions. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Inga Walker 1006 E 34th St Tacoma, WA 98404</p>
elise grover	E-mail	This is unacceptable.	<p>We already have some of the highest rated and</p> <p>WE WANT CLEANER ENERGY</p> <p>CLEAN.</p> <p>NOT DIRTY.</p>

			get your mind together, people at PSE. You're failing.
	Kevin Schmidt	E-mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell PSE NO! We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message. <p>Kevin Schmidt Bainbridge Island</p>
	Barb Andersen	E-mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message. • This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available? <p>Barb Andersen Residential Specialist Keller-Williams Greater Seattle 1307 N 45th Street, Suite 300 Seattle, WA 98103</p> <p>206-437-5579 www.walkableseattle.com Sent from my iPhone</p>
	Alex Wheeler	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners, I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request! Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Alex Wheeler</p>

			2001 E Sherman St Tacoma WA 98404
	Thomas R. Dahlby	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners</p> <p>We have two homes in Renton that receive service from PSE, one being all electric and the other being electric and gas which was constructed in 2012. We participated in paying for the gas line and installing a new transformer which amounted to several thousand.</p> <p>We cannot understand why we need a rate increase of 6.9% for electricity and 7.9% for gas at this time. PSE Service is already among the highest in the state and we will not receive better service or cleaner energy from this rate increase.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Thomas R. Dahlby 3217 Mountain View Ave N 3213 Mountain View Ave N Renton, WA 98056-2512 Cell 425-891-3775</p>
	Terrill W. Hendrickson	E-mail	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>I am writing in opposition to the proposed PSE rate hikes of 7% and 5% on gas and electricity, respectively.</p> <p>I know of no stated justification for these hikes, except to build out LNG infrastructure in order to ship fracked gas overseas. This is the opposite of what we should be doing, in ;logit pf our current increased awareness of the effects of global warming.</p> <p>I would not be opposed to a rate hike for the purpose of deploying clean energy and clean energy infrastructure in Washington State. Including looking at modular nuclear energy.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Terrill W. Hendrickson 21625 45th Ave SE Bothell, WA 98021-7922 425-481-5516</p>

	Janice Klinski	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, [YOUR NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS]</p>
	Susan Helf	E-mail	<p>I am writing to ask you to deny PSE's request for a rate increase.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PSE customers already have some of the highest electricity rates in the state. 2. In this time of global climate crisis, PSE is building an LNG plant on stolen Puyallup land in Tacoma without permits. This plant poses an enormous danger to the environment and to neighbors within a two square mile area. 3. PSE is building unnecessary infrastructure such as Energize Eastside and the Lake Hills Transmission Line in order to raise rates and increase profits. 4. PSE has still not paid for the damage it caused when its dangerous gas line exploded in the Greenwood neighborhood of Seattle. Instead of accepting liability and making victims whole, PSE deflected and lied and blamed the explosion on homeless people. 5. Rate-payers might be willing to pay higher costs for gas or electricity if PSE dedicated the increased revenue to creating cleaner energy, increasing safety and improving the operation of energy grids following an earthquake. We might pay more to preserve trees and to bury transmission wires. But we refuse to pay higher utility rates to create more revenue for PSE.

			<p>PSE is a greedy multi-national corporation concerned more with increasing return to its wealthy Australian investors than providing safe clean energy to rate payers at a fair price. I urge you to deny PSE's request to raise prices.</p> <p>Susan Helf Crown Hill, Seattle</p>
Eileen Newton	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners, I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request! Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases. Sincerely, Eileen Newton, 1501 s. MacArthur St.</p>	
Stacy Oaks	E-mail	<p>Hello, I'm opposed to the rate increases Puget Sound Energy(PSE) is requesting for gas and electric residential customers. One reason to deny this reimbursement for bad fossil fuel infrastructure investments is the social/human costs and violation of legal rights experienced by indigenous communities when we support or are complicit in continued fracked gas investments.</p> <p>Land Theft, Destruction, Violence</p> <p>As I mentioned in testimony at the recent hearings, we know that First Nations up in BC Canada are still being removed from their rightful lands for gas corporations, in some instances, such as the ongoing case surrounding unceded Wet'suwet'en territory, at gunpoint by RCMP's who have been authorized to use lethal force even though the Wet'suwet'en are unarmed. The land in question has been cared for in a way that they can still drink clean water from the river, subsist on hunting and trapping game and gathering, and is home to an established treatment center for people to heal from colonial violence and addiction, and has many sites of cultural significance. What do you suppose this territory will look like after the gas company is finished with it? How clean will the water remain? How much game and habitat will be lost to pollution, roads and infrastructure? How many burial sites will be desecrated?</p> <p>It is beyond unacceptable for the state of Washington to force gas & electric customers unlucky enough to live in PSE service areas, to be a part of this behavior and violence.</p> <p>Here are links to articles that give more details on this particular situation. We know that if PSE's proposed Tacoma LNG refinery and storage tank becomes operational, according to permit documents, they would get all the gas for the lifetime of the project from BC Canada.</p> <p>Day 31 Video Update: We're Not Leaving 02/18</p>	

Exclusive: Canada police prepared to shoot Indigenous activists, documents show The Guardian 12/19
 What cost are human rights worth? UN calls for immediate RCMP withdrawal in Wet'suwet'en standoff The Narwhal 01/20

Man Camps & the MMIW Crisis

Another human cost of continued fracked gas investments, is the connection to the epidemic of missing and murdered indigenous women(MMIW). When pipelines and fracking wells are being constructed, the large, transient, mostly male workforces are set up in what are known as "man camps". Statistics have shown that spikes in the incidence of missing and murdered indigenous women follow the construction routes. In fact there is one path up in Canada even referred to as "The Highway of Tears". These man camps also disrupt indigenous communities by bringing with them an increase of domestic violence, drug abuse, human trafficking, and homelessness via inflated rent markets, to the small towns nearby, which are often indigenous communities, unequipped to handle this influx of workers with no ties to the community, no family nearby, large paychecks, and emotionally and physically difficult job stresses.

We cannot pretend we don't know this. When we are tasked with determining sources of energy and infrastructure with the "least cost" we must count those stolen sisters.

Why Aren't Fossil Fuel Companies Held Accountable for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women? Yes! Magazine 10/19

The Darkest Side of Fossil-Fuel Extraction: It leads to violence against, and the trafficking of, Native women Scientific American 10/19

Sacrifice Zones & Turning a Blind Eye

The Puyallup Tribe has not been meaningfully consulted by a single agency involved in the entire permit process of the proposed Tacoma LNG refinery, storage tank and bunkering facility being constructed on Medicine Creek Treaty Territory, on the border of the Puyallup Reservation. Fracked gas refineries like this one emit toxins and carcinogens 24 hours a day, including xylene, toluene and benzene, which can cause cancer, asthma, birth defects, neurological disorders and other serious health impacts. Fossil fuel refineries are disproportionately located on or next to indigenous communities and reservations, the Port of Tacoma, on MCT Territory, is a prime example; US Oil, Targa, & Westrock, with expansion papers filed and Puget Sound Energy's LNG on deck to occupy part of the Occidental Superfund site, one of many Superfund sites nearby. No cumulative air testing is measured for toxins, no public health assessments are ordered before projects & expansions are rubber stamped, nobody stops construction that began long before obtaining the necessary permits. Salmon runs are all but gone from what was once a thriving and abundant estuary filled with nourishment and drinkable water. Puyallup are Salmon People and have cared for these lands, waters and creatures since time immemorial, with this stewardship inseparable from cultural and spiritual practices.

Press Release - Puyallup Tribe - PSCAA Permit Decision - 12/19

Reimbursing Puget Sound Energy or other fossil fuel companies for new or expanded gas infrastructure when

			<p>we have evidence of all these costs, goes beyond turning a blind eye, it funds the continued institutional racism & genocide that has been an ugly part of our state's & our nation's history for far too long. As Commissioners, you sit in the unique seat of being able to change history with the stroke of a pen, at a time when change is desperately needed. Please count all the costs, not just those associated with a dollar sign.</p> <p>Stacy Oaks Organizer with 350 Seattle Living in Tulalip, WA</p>
	Kelli Perry	E-mail	<p>I am very much against this utility's proposal to raise rates. Their continued use of fracking and foot-dragging movement toward greener energy is contributing to the destruction of our children's planet. How profoundly irresponsible it would be to support them in their endeavors.</p> <p>Please do not approve these increases. Better yet, let's put that money toward green energy infrastructure. Better yet, help us transition toward a PUD who can pull its attention away from maximizing shareholder profits and towards the fight for our future.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Kelli Perry Kirkland</p>
	Ben Heath	E-mail	<p>As a PSE customer, I strongly urge the UTC to oppose the proposed rate hikes by PSE. Not only will this stretch my budget thinner and force difficult choices for my life, but PSE has demonstrated clearly they have no interest in investing in an environmentally sustainable business model, relying heavily on fossil fuels for electricity production. Rubber stamping another rate hike simply gives PSE the green light to continue with business as usual, at a time when we need to begin going the opposite direction. Please be part of the solution and oppose PSE on this.</p> <p>-Ben</p>
	Warren Halverson	E-mail	<p>* See attachment*</p> <p>Attached please find my testimony provided at the Bellevue Hearing. I would appreciate these concerns being addressed prior to any determination of a rate increase; and, any and all credible expenses for Energize Eastside be disallowed until such times as this project is undertaken. The estimated Seventy-million dollars -- \$70,000,000 -- already spent is not a prudent use of ratepayer monies and requires even further oversight by the Commission.</p> <p>We, too, sincerely appreciate the Commission coming to Bellevue to hear our testimony.</p>

			<p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Warren Halverson Rate Payer -- Bellevue Washington</p>
Lori Elworth	E-mail	February 4, 2020	<p>Subject: Rate Case for Puget Sound Energy, Dockets UE-190529 & UG-190530</p> <p>Honorable Commissioners,</p> <p>PSE has become a monopoly with little oversight. Foreign ownership of PSE fails to serve the best interests of the people and communities it serves. I have written to you before with concern. For the last six years I have been involved with a group of citizens fighting a PSE project Energize Eastside, and we continue to object to this very costly project for multiple reasons. The cost of this outdated and unsafe project is unknown but it will be in the billions.</p> <p>I am a PSE customer, I'm disappointed to learn the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. I do not approve of a rate increase for PSE. Public Safety must be a priority. PSE has had major gas leaks in Seattle recently. This is irresponsible and due to negligence. They do not deserve an increase. If the UTC approves a rate increase for PSE, it will send the wrong message. Please protect the rate payers. PSE has already raised gas rates despite a reduction in market gas prices. Please reject this request!</p> <p>PSE makes poor choices for our energy future. There are cheaper, cleaner, and more reliable energy alternatives today. We need to stop allowing PSE to continue to rely on dirty fossil fuels and make responsible energy available for all customers. Using old technology is wrong. New smarter and safer choices need to happen now.</p> <p>PSE appears unregulated when it comes to building without proper permits. They demonstrate a disregard for rules and regulations. This is irresponsible.</p>

		<p>In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that “PSE’s next IRP must address what their company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled,” demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn’t be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it’s economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.</p> <p>PSE shouldn’t need to advertise. The customers are hostage to this monopoly. When PSE sponsors community events, or pays for advertising projects like “Energize Eastside” the project without a price-tag, the money comes from me. I can’t afford their wasteful spending. Citizens deserve more and we depend on the UTC to not allow for the huge rate increase PSE is asking.</p> <p>It concerns me that PSE, a private utility, is foreign owned. It also concerns me that PSE has a financial incentive influencing company decisions not really benefiting the customers. Please don’t send them the wrong message by approving a rate increase. Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Lori Elworth</p> <p>8605 129th Ct SE Newcastle, WA 98056</p>
	Leslie Geller	<p>E-mail</p> <p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE gas and electricity customer. I’ve lived in my house for 26 years. I live in Bellevue, WA and am very, very frustrated with PSE.</p> <p>I closely follow and support (including donating to) the research and recommendations that CENSE, a local nonprofit organized to oppose PSE’s reckless behavior in Bellevue and in the “Eastside” generally. I’ve attended Bellevue City Council meetings, and public hearings regarding PSE proposals. Starting this week, PSE is removing 300 old and beautiful trees that line major thoroughfares in east Bellevue. I drive these streets all the time, and am always grateful for the beautiful tree canopy and greenery as I commute and do errands. PSE’s project, that we vigorously opposed but obviously lost, is completely unnecessary. PSE’s greed causes degradation of Bellevue’s neighborhood and frankly, quality of life.</p>

			<p>This current rate increase request is an abomination. I urge you to deny it.</p> <p>I'd consider it worthwhile to consider a rate increase for improvements such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaner energy (I'm already 100% part of PSE's green power program and have been since its inception) • Improved quality of life and aesthetics in our neighborhoods • Preservation of trees • Improved reliability (when I remodeled my house in 2016, I purchased a large, permanent generator because of the frequency of power outages in my neighborhood) • Smart technology and micro-grids to maintain power after disasters like earthquakes or malicious attacks • More transparent reporting and accountability • Faster response to outages • Better vegetation management • More undergrounding of wires <p>Thank you for siding with Washington residents and businesses, and not with PSE's greedy owners.</p> <p>Leslie Geller 15102 SE 43rd St., Bellevue, WA 98006 lesliegeller@gmail.com</p>
	Stewart Early	E-mail	<p>As a customer, i urge you to avoid supporting fracking on any way; do not purchase any oil or natural gas produced via fracking. Also, do not support the development of the Tacoma LNG terminal.</p> <p>Stewart Early 4817 Lake Washington Blvd NE, Kirkland, WA 98033</p>
	Mostafa Houali	E-mail	<p>Hi,</p> <p>My name is Mostafa Houali , home address is 2308 Cooper Crest ST NW, Olympia Wa 98502 I am a PSE gas/ electricity customer who is against the high price we are paying in exchange of electricity and gas.</p> <p>Unlike publicly owned energy utilities that are cheaper, cleaner, and provide more reliable service, privately held Puget Sound Energy gets more than 60% of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas. It's time that our state Utilities and Transportation Commission sides with the people and stop rubber stamping rate hikes for monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels! Puget Sound Energy has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. Now they're back for more.</p>

			<p>Please stop this and work to provide us with a publicly owned company who will provide us with a clean energy at a low cost.</p> <p>Mostafa Houali, 2308 Cooper Crest ST NW OLympia , Wa 98502</p>
	Tom Dahlby	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, [YOUR NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS]</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>
	William D. Osmer	E-mail	<p>Dear UTC Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is outraged to learn the company is seeking increases of 6.9% in its electricity rates and 7.9% in its gas rates. The cost of their dirty energy is among the highest in the state already. They don't deserve more! Please reject this request!</p> <p>PSE has steadfastly refused to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of its projects and continues to reject requests to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. Meanwhile, they continue to pursue infrastructure projects, like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant (which will have virtually NO benefit to PSE's local customers!), over the objections of the public in the communities that will be most negatively impacted by these projects further demonstrating their blatant disregard for our environment and public health!</p>

			<p>Until PSE demonstrates a true commitment to listen to community concerns, reduce environmental impacts, behave with actual transparency, and start making meaningfully greater investments in renewable energy infrastructure, I respectfully implore the Commission to deny all PSE rate increase requests!</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of my request.</p> <p>Sincerely, William D. Osmer 22433 SE Highland Lane Issaquah, WA 98029 425-606-6010</p>
	Lucy Lam	E-mail	<p>This is a re-send of below e-mail</p> <hr/> <p>Subject: PSE Rate Case, Dockets UE-190529 & UG-190530</p> <p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy.</p> <p>PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Lucy Lam 6051 137th Ave NE, #329 Redmond, WA 98052</p>
	Terry Sullivan	E-mail	<p>Excuse me if this went to the UTC rather than PSE as I had originally thought. If forwarded to PSE, I would also like them to consider the likely success of their venture given the following:</p> <p>New Study Casts Shadow on LNG Fuel's Climate Footprint</p> <p>One of the shipping industry's great hopes for improving its environmental performance — engines powered by liquefied natural gas — won't offer the benefits that many vessel owners are hoping for. That's the conclusion of</p>

		<p>a nonprofit that analyzed the emissions from different types of vessels that use the fuel. Some types of LNG-powered ships leak so much methane — a contributor to global heating — that the environmental damage they cause over a 20-year period is far more acute than equivalent vessels run on conventional fuels. Jack Wittels and Akshat Rathi report. (Bloomberg</p> <p>Terry Sullivan Vashon, WA</p> <p>Begin forwarded message:</p> <p>From: Terry Sullivan <terry.sullivan46@gmail.com> Subject: PSE Rate Case Hearing UE-190529 Comment Date: February 2, 2020 at 12:01:00 PM PST To: comments@utc.wa.gov</p> <p>to whom it may concern:</p> <p>I have watched the controversy over your Tacoma LNG plant for some years now. I have also noticed that you have continued to work on the plant without the required permits. You have made it clear that this plant is primarily a business vernture in which you will primarily be selling LNG to cargo ships. Although a small amount of this gas will supposedly go to PSE local customers during occasional cold spells, the cost of this project will be borne by us. This is outrageous! Even if I thought that this gas was a benefit to us, and I don't, It is not right for you to use us to finance a project from which you will benefit greatly and we only marginally.</p> <p>If you are interested in making an investment that will benefit you, the region, and your customers, may I suggest that you invest more in wind, solar, batteries, smart grids, and other renewable technologies. You certainly must be aware that these technologies are more cost efficient, not to mention clearly safer and cleaner than your fracked gas. Quit pushing your outmoded technologies and don't make us pay for your myopic schemes.</p> <p>I am sure that a customer driven suit will be filed to relieve your customers of the costs of your folly.</p> <p>Terry Sullivan Vashon Island</p>
	Scott Howell	E-mail Dear Commissioners, I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates

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	Leonard Rezabek	E-mail	<p>I am opposed to these rate increases. PSE needs to stop using old technologies and to improve its operations using current state-of-the-art methods. The current proposals do not accomplish this!! I am a current PSE Gas & Electric customer.</p> <p>Leonard Rezabek 12144 SE 14th ST. Bellevue WA 98005</p>
	Stanislav Rumega	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Stanislav Rumega</p>

			13225 SE 51st pl., Bellevue, WA 98006
	Asa & Lis Bergdahl	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Asa & Lis Bergdahl 18730 50th Ave NE Lake Forest Park WA 98155 -- Kindly, Lis Bergdahl, MA, LMHC</p>
	Nancy Alotis	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, I respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

			<p>Nancy Alotis 13823 SE 58th Place Bellevue, WA 98006</p>
	Amy Faith	E-mail	<p>I live on NE 8th Street ,here in Bellevue. My home is in the path of Puget Sound Energy's soon to be built Phantom Lake/Lake Hills transmission line. Putting in this line will destroy 300 mature trees; including those along 148th Avenue and NE 8th Street. It is these trees that have given Bellevue its "City in a Park " moniker. PSE refuses to consider any other option; despite public outcry from Bellevue residents, homeowners, and environmental groups. Instead, those chainsaws are coming. They are so close now, I can see their teeth glinting from here.</p> <p>I am a Puget Sound Energy electric rate payer. The Phantom Lake Transmission line is not needed . It is only being built to increase PSE's profits and raise rates. We shouldn't reward PSE for harming our environment , ignoring other, environmentally safe options for not only the Lake Hills Transmission line, but also Energize Eastside and the Tacoma LNG facility. PSE does not deserve the rate increase they are requesting.</p> <p>Deny it.</p> <p>Amy Faith</p> <p>15210 NE 8th St Unit D 4 Bellevue, WA 98007</p>
	Louise Pathe	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Louise Pathe 1801 10th St W</p>

Barbra Chevalier	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates (again!) by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state.</p> <p>Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Barbra Chevalier 6541 126th Ave SE Bellevue, WA 98006</p>
Sarah Lovejoy	E-mail	<p>Dear Washington UTC,</p> <p>I am writing to express my complete disapproval and dismay that when our state, nation, and world are facing deeper sufferings based on climate changes, instead of PSE rising to meet the climate challenge, the company is asking to increase the danger to our communities through the Tacoma LNG site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LNG site won't serve Washingtonians. The sale of Liquefied Natural Gas to ships does not provide any benefit to Washingtonians more generally, only to PSE financially. The cost of building it is passed along to Washington's power consumers. This is exactly why government exists, to protect consumers and citizens from companies that seek their own gain at our people's expense. • Gas leaks, even when less explosive, cause health damage to the local community. • The explosion risk of LNG Tacoma site is unacceptable. • The tide flats are tribal lands, and PSE has begun building without permits. The 1854 Treaty of Medicine Creek was not adequate to protect local lands from exploitation over the years, but even the treaty is being cast by the wayside with PSE's actions in starting to build the Tacoma LNG site without requesting and receiving permitting from the tribes whose lands are under, nearby, and otherwise affected by this site.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The data is clear that environmental injustice affects communities of color at higher rates than white communities. PSE should not treat Tacoma as a location of environmental injustice in this way. • Fracking for natural gas is destroying freshwater sources underground. • PSE spends egregious amounts of funding on lobbying, political spending and CEO compensation. They should look to trimming these expenditures rather than asking rate payers to fund unconscionable projects. <p>I believe government was established to serve the people, and I offer this letter to your conscience as public servants to consider. Thank you very much for your attention to this urgent matter.</p> <p>Sarah Lovejoy Shoreline, WA</p>
	cj flyrton	E-mail	<p>No LNG - NO LNG NO LNG - NO LNG NO LNG - NO LNG</p>
	Terry Sullivan	E-mail	<p>to whom it may concern:</p> <p>I have watched the controversy over your Tacoma LNG plant for some years now. I have also noticed that you have continued to work on the plant without the required permits. You have made it clear that this plant is primarily a business vernture in which you will primarily be selling LNG to cargo ships. Although a small amount of this gas will supposedly go to PSE local customers during occasional cold spells, the cost of this project will be borne by us. This is outragious! Even if I thought that this gas was a benefit to us, and I don't, It is not right for you to use us to finance a project from which you will benefit greatly and we only marginally.</p> <p>If you are interested in making an investment that will benefit you, the region, and your customers, may I suggest that you invest more in wind, solar, batteries, smart grids, and other renewable technologies. You certainly must be aware that these technologies are more cost efficient, not to mention clearly safer and cleaner than your fracked gas. Quit pushing your outmoded technologies and don't make us pay for your myopic schemes.</p> <p>I am sure that a customer driven suit will be filed to relieve your customers of the costs of your folly.</p> <p>Terry Sullivan Vashon Island</p>
	Cherry Champagne	E-mail	<p>Dear sir/madam:</p>

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Lisa Maliphol	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSEs dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is NOT the time to reward PSEs Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Lisa Maliphol 17243 NE 16th Ok Bellevue, WA 98008</p>
Bailey de Iongh	E-mail	<p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban</p>

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	Jay Williamson	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Jay Williamson 29745 138th Ave SW Vashon, WA 98070</p>
	Fran Kutoff	E-mail	<p>I am a PSE customer who is unhappy to hear that the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>PSE is a privately owned company comprised of mainly Canadian and Dutch investors. I do not feel they need to be rewarded with an extra \$200 million per year in revenue from rate increases while continuing their pursuit of unnecessary infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy (cleaner being a key point). PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of these projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. (Probably because it does not financially benefit them to do so.)</p>

			<p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, I respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases at this juncture.</p> <p>Sincerely, Fran Kutoff 12225 SE 47th Pl, Bellevue, WA 98006</p>
Ann Ross-Clarke	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>I am also angry about PSE's plan to cut down 300 trees on 148th Avenue.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Ann Ross-Clarke 15934 SE 41st Place Bellevue, WA 98006</p>	
Jay Smith	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%.</p> <p>The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p>	

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	Dame Frank	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, DMF PO Box 412, Rainier, WA</p>
	Denise Kracer	E-mail	<p>To whom this may concern,</p> <p>I live in Redmond and are a PSE customer worried about the possible raise in electricity rates. We are already paying a lot as is. I would be accepting an increase if the reasons were more in the line of looking into cleaner energy, better reliability, smart technology to keep power after disasters and having more wiring underground, just to mention a few.</p> <p>Please put the priorities in place with this 21st century, and also please take into consideration that not everyone who leaves in the Puget sounds has the salary of a technology company employee.</p> <p>Thank you! Denise Kracer</p>
	Oolaa kay	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates</p>

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Wesley Shearer	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the in Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Wesley Shearer 3600 Lincoln Ct NE RENTON, WA. 98056</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>

	Farida Hakim	E-mail	<p>As a PSE customer and a senior doing the best I can to manage on my limited SSI, I am very concerned about the proposed rate increases for myself and other retirees who have a challenge to do the best they can on a limited budget to pay the existing cost of heating and with the rate increase it will be mean more lower temperatures, which will affect our health and well being.</p> <p>I envision that you will weigh in all factors to manage PSE as a public utility to benefit all customers who will be affected. Thank you.</p> <p>Farida Hakim 4202 150th AVE SE BELLEVUE, WA 98006 telephone 425 643 8603</p>
	Timothy & Kimberly Horne	E-mail	<p>Hello. We are long-time (and Senior-age) PSE customers who are VERY dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. We already pay too much for PSE's energy! There seems to be no justification for this increase, other than corporate greed. Please reject this request!</p> <p>It is NOT the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year! Meanwhile, the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Again - please reject this request!</p> <p>Sincerely, (Mr. & Mrs.) Timothy & Kimberly Horne 4432 164th Ave SE; Bellevue, WA 98006</p>
	michael blodgett	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss</p>

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	Michelle Williams	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Michelle Williams 3811 W Mercer Way Mercer Island, WA 98040</p> <p>Sent from my phone. Sorry for typos.</p>
	Billie Lou Downing	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the</p>

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Barbara LaFayette	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Barbara LaFayette 2912 124 th Ave. NE Bellevue, Wa. 98095</p>	
Shannon O'Phelan	E-mail	<p>Puget Sound Energy needs to prove they need a rate hike to stay in business, NOT so they can pay investors and their CEO millions. Please think of rate layers this time and not cave to PSE. Thanks Shannon O'Phelan 4605Honeymoon Bay Rd Greenbank WA</p>	
Sandra Brouillette-Jobe	E-mail	<p>Please do not allow the proposed PSE rate increase.</p>	

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	Kate Lunceford	E-mail	<p>I urge PSE not to raise their rates. Consider reorganizing your financial structure where the CEO was paid \$7.6 million in 2018. I urge PSE to stop investing in fracked gas. We must move quickly away from providing energy with fossil fuels. This is an emergency!</p> <p>Sincerely Kate Lunceford Bothell WA</p>
	Mike Blodgett	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Mike Blodgett 12562 SE 71st Street Newcastle, WA 98056</p>
	Linda L. Schmidt	E-mail	<p>Subject: Stop PSE's harmful efforts to build and finance the TacomaLNG</p> <p>January 31, 2020</p> <p>Dear Washington UTC,</p> <p>I am writing to strenuously object to PSE's effort to raise their rates for a plant that has been built without permission to export a substance that is harmful both in process and exposure. What is even more atrocious is</p>

		<p>PSE's expectation that customers should help pay for something that only profits PSE. Until now, I held a positive image of PSE and that has turned to disappointment and anger. It seems that a once principled utility has taken on the current aura of profit before clients.</p> <p>As a lifetime resident of this state, I am proud of the First Nation people and am appalled by the trail of broken treaties. I feel disgusted that PSE has built its facility on tribal land and in an area that endangers numerous residents. PSE's history of leaks and damaging accidents do not leave us with a feeling of confidence.</p> <p>The LNG will not even be serving the clients whose rates would be raised. That seems to be not only greedy but increases the hardship on others, especially families on the margin and elderly folks on fixed incomes. When did PSE lose the ideals consistent with the residents of the Pacific NW?</p> <p>Washington has been known for our environmental goals, and the LNG project goes against all we stand for. It seems especially egregious as our legislature is pondering environmental goals. More than environmental goals, any person in the PSE organization should think about what our young people are saying. They are angry and scared as we continue to destroy the world they will inherit. Does PSE and Washington UTC really want to destroy the future of your own families?</p> <p>I cannot express deeply enough how completely unacceptable PSE's asking for ratepayers to pay for the LNG appears to the community. It is unethical to expect others to invest in something for which there is no return. It is an unreasonable and harmful business model.</p> <p>I hope the Washington UTC carefully considers the effect PSE's rate increase proposal has for the people served. Our government organizations should be concerned about projects built illegally and a plant that protects dangerous fracking and the fossil fuel use. I would hope the Washington UTC would want to protect the people of Washington and promote ethical business practices.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Linda L. Schmidt</p>
Joshua Rubenstein	E-mail	<p>* See Attachment*</p> <p>Dear WA UTC, Please consider Crystal Mountain's comments on PSE's general rate case in Docket UE-190529 opposing rate increases for fossil fuel infrastructure. Our comments are in the attached letter. Thank you,</p>

			Josh Rubenstein
	Stacy Oaks	E-mail	<p>Hello, I'm opposed to Puget Sound Energy's requested rate increases for residential customers. PSE wants these rate increases to pay back shareholders for infrastructure investments and maintenance and according to their most recent 20 year Integrated Resource Plan, projected future investments focus on replacing coal with fracked gas and does not plan for expanding wind, solar, battery storage or grid optimization. We know that over 60% of PSE's electricity comes from fossil fuels, even though nearby Public and Municipal Utility Districts use far less fossil fuels in their electricity mix; Snohomish County PUD at around 2% & about 5% for Seattle City Light. When you combine this 60% fossil fuel electricity mix and their 800,000 gas service customers, this for profit corporation is basically a fossil fuel company. We cannot rely on fossil fuel companies to make the right choices for the public or the climate. Since 2013 the IPCC has warned us that we need to keep the majority of remaining fossil fuel reserves in the ground, yet extraction has increased instead of decreased.</p> <p>Below are recent articles that detail what PSE shareholders have been putting their money behind. PSE customers should not be forced to pay rate increases to a company that is working against their best interests, holding back our desperately needed transition to renewable energy and efficiency, and interfering with local elections, legislation & ballot initiatives.</p> <p>Stacy Oaks Organizer with 350 Seattle Living in Tulalip, WA</p> <p>Money is the Oxygen on Which the Fire of global Warming Burns The New Yorker 09/19</p> <p>The Company You Pay For Natural Gas Is Paying To Flip City Your Council The Stranger 07/19</p> <p>Natural Gas Industry's \$1Mil PR Campaign Seattle Times 12/19 Should NW Cities Ban Fracked Gas in New Buildings? Sightline Institute 10/19 How Fracked Gas Industry Plays Politics in WA Sightline Institute 04/18</p>
	David Kleiber	E-mail	<p>Puget Sound Energy is not communicating to its Customers on rate increases and why necessary. The filings lack financial justification for why the increase is needed. The information in the tariff requests does not provide any discussion on why the rate increase is necessary. For the record, PSE web site is not setup for customer feedback. PSE is not interested in customer feedback. If they were interested then I would be able to click on web site and provide feedback. PSE is only serving their foreign shareholders and not their customers needs.</p>
	Lorna Walker	E-mail	<p>There are many reasons why I am against UTC approving rate hikes, but my main concern is PSE's continued support of DIRTY fracked gas.</p>

			<p>Every climate change study requires fracked gas to be phased out.</p> <p>We already had a hike on Nov. 1, 2019 and that was even with a 50% reduction in market gas prices.</p> <p>The customers shouldn't pay increases for a private company where the CEO now makes over \$7 million dollars. My husband and I are seniors and on a fixed income. We will be run out of our home at this rate.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Lorna Walker lorniewalker@gmail.com</p>
Cathy Carruthers	E-mail	<p>PSE should not be allowed to raise its rates. They invest recklessly. For example they are investing in LNG in Tacoma before the review process is completed. They should not be allowed to cover these costs out of the rate base.</p> <p>They are a monopoly. The customers can't set up a utility in their territory. They hold us hostage. They already raised their rates last year and now they are back again.</p> <p>Their investments in fossil fuel are irresponsible and risky. When Washington moves step by step to reduce fossil fuel use, the facilities will be subject to premature capital obsolescence. The rate payers will have carried the cost for nothing.</p> <p>The monopoly power is hardest on the poor. People with money like myself can escape by installing solar, ductless heat pumps, etc. But the people who live on month to month checks can't escape.</p> <p>They also impose risk on us by their dependence on natural gas which has been subject to recent accidents. Ductless heat pumps are more cost effective and energy efficient than natural gas for heating and cooling. We don't need new capacity. Why should fuel switching be precluded by their energy efficiency policies.</p> <p>Perhaps if you say no to them this time they will start to behave like responsible corporate citizens.</p>	
Maren Costa	E-mail	<p>When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific</p>	

			<p>consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences</p> <p>Please, do the right thing...</p> <p>Maren Costa</p>
	Terry Miller	E-mail	<p>Please say no—NO to any rate hike! it is time that our state Utilities and Transportation Commission sides with the people and stop rubber stamping rate hikes for monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels! Puget Sound Energy has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message. Plus the CEO made over \$7M in 2018—please stop the madness!!! Thx 4 reading—I'm a very concerned citizen/voter/taxpayer!</p> <p>Terry Miller</p>
	Penny Lorenz	E-mail	<p>I am asking PSE to cut down and eventually eliminate the use of fossil fuels for our energy consumption in Washington State. It is imperative if we are to try to contain climate change. We don't need the new storage facility in Tacoma!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
	Sue Lepore	E-mail	<p>Please do everything you can, as fast as you can, to get off fossil fuels! Our world depends on it!</p> <p>Sue Lepore</p>
	Donna Vanderheide	E-mail	<p>Do not use ratepayer money to hire or pay lobbyists .</p> <p>We do not need a rate hike. We do not need any updates to our meters.</p> <p>It costs too much and we are the ones paying for it</p> <p>Donna donnavan.305@gmail.com</p>
	Ruth Richards	E-mail	<p>I believe that utilities are a public benefit, since we have no choice as to provider, and should not be privatized. More specifically, I object to a rate hike that meets the demands of private shareholders. I understand that this is beyond the scope of this specific rate evaluation, but it is time to get private entities out of public utilities.</p> <p>Ruth Richards Coupeville WA</p>

	Valerie Costa via Action Network	E-mail	***See attachment for email and petition opposing PSE's LNG project***
	Mary Ann Woodruff	E-mail	<p>I am opposed to the proposed rate hikes. As a senior citizen whose Social Security rises according to the increase in cost of living, I deeply resent the suggestion that utilities get raised by such a huge amount.</p> <p>Thank you for reading, Mary Ann Woodruff Bellevue</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>
	Scott Ellis	E-mail	<p>We do not need more gas, fracked or otherwise. Climate change needs to be addressed now.</p> <p>Scott Ellis</p>
	Karen White	E-mail	<p>I am strongly apposed to the LNG pipelines and fracking, this is not how I want my money spent!, we need clean energy like wind and solar, no more fossil fuels!.</p> <p>Please do your job and represent the citizens not your pockets!.</p> <p>Thank you,MRS.Karen White</p>
	sardinemaiden	E-mail	<p>PSE pushes for a rate hike when cracked gas rates have fallen. They are taking more money than needed from the residents of WA state all the while putting a lot of money into campaigning against greener energy options which regional residents actually want.</p> <p>PSE is thwarting efforts to phase out dirty energy usages for their own advances. This goes against everything most WA residents want. We want to have phased out dirty energy yesterday!</p> <p>We do not want to be pulled by out hair deeper down a road to disaster.</p> <p>Dirty energy means compromised fresh water, compromised food sources (such as seafood do to ocean acidification), is linked to violence against indigenous people, compromised eco systems such as wetlands, forests and clean air.</p> <p>PSE can afford to take a rate hit, 1. And, 2, PSE has proven itself an unwilling partner in the fight against the biggest threat to our existence on this planet. They put \$1M in anti-green PR.</p> <p>PSE is not a reasonable or responsible company in our modern world. They lack the right actions and visions for what we as people all over the world need right now.</p> <p>To allow their rate increase encourages their greed and bad behavior.</p> <p>Puget Sound Energy has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50%</p>

		<p>reduction in market gas prices. Now they're back for more.</p> <p>Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system.</p> <p>We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.</p> <p>This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p> <p>PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It's inevitable that this won't be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age.</p> <p>This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part.</p> <p>In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that “PSE's next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled,” demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.</p> <p>-When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.</p> <p>None of us can ignore the facts any longer. Send the message we want. Represent the people!</p>
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	Brian Elworth	E-mail	<p>***See attachment for customer comment***</p> <p>Please see attached comments on PSE Rate Case, Docket UE-190529, UG-190530</p>
	Jakaye Robinson	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners, I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request! Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>
	Julia Minugh	E-mail	<p>PSE is losing money and asking that the consumers pay for it. The country is cutting down on its dependency on fossil fuels. From businesses and industry to people in their homes, we all recognize that big money and power has been losing their tight grip on the pocket books of conscientious people who want to make a difference. PSE sells their products to the people, but increasingly, the demand for their products is lowering. When the consumer demand is less the pocket books aren't open as wide. And they should not be. Consumers should not have to pay a profit making company more money because we are not buying their product.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

			<p>Julia Minugh</p> <p>Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone</p>
Maureen Howard	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners, I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request! Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases. Sincerely, Maureen Howard</p>	
Dave Russell	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>Please do not approve the rate hikes requested by PSE. I understand that rate hikes were just approved last fall, and wholesale market rates for gas are very low. But more importantly, it is critical that we STOP BUILDING MAJOR NEW FOSSIL FUEL FACILITIES, and past time that our industries got that message!</p> <p>Thank You,</p> <p>Dave Russell</p>	
Virginia Lohr	E-mail	<p>***See attachment for customer comments***</p>	
Tom Craighead	E-mail	<p>PSE is ripping us off already and doesn't need more of my money. Please don't approve their requested rate hike. Thank you.</p> <p>Tom Craighead</p>	
Debbie Ohman	E-mail	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I've been happy with some of the programs PSE provides, the Green Energy program and partnership in Solarize Kirkland for example. Their continued emphasis on natural gas, as exemplified by the LNG plant in Tacoma, is not in line with their customer's values, or the interests of the world at large. We need to reduce our production of greenhouse gases immediately. Plus PSE was not entirely above board in building that plant by starting construction before they had all the necessary permits.</p>	

			<p>I do not want to reward their poor performance in Tacoma with a rate hike. If this rate hike raised funds to invest in renewable energy sources, I'd support it and more. It's disappointing to me to read how the Puyallup tribe was treated in Tacoma. PSE is not acting in good faith and is not addressing climate change.</p> <p>Please deny the rate increase.</p> <p>Regards, Debbie Ohman</p>
	Joanne Wright	E-mail	<p>Dear WA State Utilities and Transportation Commission:</p> <p>Please do NOT approve the rate increases requested by Puget Sound Energy (PSE). PSE gets over half of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas.</p> <p>PSE already raised its fracked gas prices by 14.1% last Nov. 1st, now they are asking for more, in spite of a reduction in market gas prices.</p> <p>Fracked gas MUST be abandoned as a way to produce energy due to its environmental consequences and fossil fuel contributions to climate change.</p> <p>Why should WA consumers pay more when safer electricity is available?</p> <p>The pipeline explosion in British Columbia and two gas leaks in Seattle show that this type of energy is not safe.</p> <p>I have greatly reduced my personal dependence on gas as energy since I don't want to pay for this unsafe and environmentally destructive fuel source. I do not want to finance PSE's dependence on fossil fuels.</p> <p>Thanks for listening, Joanne Wright Crown Hill/Seattle</p>
	JJ Lindsey	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is angry, incredulous and in total opposition, to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request! We JUST had a rise in rates, was it November? How can it be possible to be asking again so soon, and for such large percentages??</p> <p>I am just PISSED that my rates could go up to pay for FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND PSE'S 60%</p>

			<p>FOSSIL FUEL SOURCING. NO WAY!!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, JJ Lindsey Olympia, WA</p>
	Hallie Sykes	E-mail	<p>Hi, I'm writing to implore you to not approve the proposed rate hikes. We need a clean energy plan, not one that keeps supporting fossil fuel projects. Please make the choice that accounts for the future, not just short term profits. This is not reliable or safe infrastructure .</p> <p>I also do not approve the LNG facility in Tacoma. Our transportation commission should be listening to the people!</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>-Hallie Sykes Seattle Resident</p>
	Priscilla S. Terry	E-mail	<p>We have many power outages in my neighborhood. We have a lot of trees along the roads, so it is not suprising.</p> <p>We had one last July which resulted from a limb falling on a line along the Johnson Point Rd r.o.w. in Thurston County. It destroyed many appliances belonging to houses in the area. Several of us contacted Puget Power for relief, and filed forms to that effect, but were rebuffed by PSE saying they don't cover acts of God. Perfectly understandable. Questions remain in our minds (the neighborhood families adversely affected).</p> <p>The outage last July was almost imperceptible to the homeowners. Power flickered slightly but did not go out. However, the spike of electricity it caused took out several ductless heaters (including mine, which was turned off because it was summer), and kitchen appliances.</p> <p>Most people do not have surge protectors. I did. The spike took out the surge protector before making its way to the ductless unit.</p>

			<p>There is a transformer on Johnson Point Rd at 61st. I think it should have protected us from the spike, but it did not.</p> <p>We count on the power company to protect us from dangerous spikes like this, but we found we were not. In addition to whole house surge protectors, should we have each and every household appliance on an individual protector? This seems unreasonable.</p> <p>I believe the UTC should look into the age and the capability of the PSE equipment that is supposed to protect us.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Priscilla S. Terry</p>
	Warren Raven	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Warren Raven</p>
	Jeni Woodall	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners, I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request! Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve</p>

			reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases. Sincerely, Jeni Woodall
	Jeff McGrath	E-mail	<p>Fracking is horrible wasteful and probably be shipped over sea's. Leaving PSE customers to pay for this through the nose.</p> <p>Canada is making some big environmental mistakes.</p> <p>Jeff McGrath</p>
	Karen Stiritz	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Karen Stiritz 1800 NE 40th St E302 Renton, WA 99056</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>
	Nancy Shimeall	E-mail	<p>***See attachment for referenced article***</p> <p>I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed rate hike. Attached please find also a copy of the December article in New England Journal of Medicine, where the dangerous impacts of gas are substantiated. PSE has already received a large hike in gas rates, despite the cost of gas declining.</p> <p>As a ratepayer, we have no option for solar due to the trees in our property shading our roof. So, five years ago we opted to pay PSE additional money each month for their 100% solar energy option, which supposedly means PSE must purchase 100% renewable energy to replace our energy use. However, in the years we (and many other customers) have paid this extra amount each month, PSE's fossil fuel mix has NOT changed! They still use about 60% fossil fuels.</p> <p>Further, PSE is continuing to plan for expanding their gas infrastructure, including the North Lateral Pipeline</p>

			<p>(Snohomish County) and the LNG refinery at Tacoma. As a ratepayer, I strongly object to my funds paying for this blatant disregard for the falling cost of renewables, the increasing demand for renewables, and the science that shows how dangerous "natural" gas is. (I am attaching the latest article about impacts, but a great deal has been published which I'm sure you are aware of, proving that methane is 86% more harmful than CO2). PSE has also been devoting millions to "greenwashing", advertising, and lobbying to stop climate legislation. I also object to this use of my funds.</p> <p>It is time to stop allowing PSE to act against the best interest of its customers. The costs of climate change are mounting, and PSE needs to be held accountable for choosing to make decisions that are bad for its customers. Thank you for reading these comments. Please see attached also.</p> <p>Nancy Shimeall</p>
	Sandy & Doug Kon	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely</p> <p>Sandy & Doug Kon</p>
	Sunil Sanghani	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to</p>

			<p>community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Sunil Sanghani</p>
	Melissa Pallanes	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Sincerely, Melissa Pallanes</p>
	Denise Wells	E-mail	<p>To Whom it May Concern:</p> <p>I would like to express my opposition to the extreme (14%) rate increase that PSE is proposing. This is an attempt to raise gas and electric rates to pay for a climate destroying gas and liquefaction plant that would ship US fracked Gas overseas..</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unlike publicly-owned energy utilities that are cheaper, cleaner, and provide more reliable service, privately-held Puget Sound Energy gets more than 60% of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas. 2. THE WASHINGTON STATE Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTE) MUST stop rubber-stamping rate hikes for foreign-owned monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels! 3. Puget Sound Energy has already raised fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. Now they're back for more. 4. IT's essential to phase out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and the electricity system. We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message. 5. This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?

6. PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It's inevitable that this won't be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age.
7. The Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be asked to pay for more than 40% of the project. This is not fair or permissible.
8. The Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part.
9. In 2017 the UTC stated that "PSE's next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or canceled," demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk.
10. Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.
11. When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.
12. PSE spends tons of money greenwashing.
13. PSE is part of \$1M PR campaign to fight any initiatives that curb fossil fuel use: "The gas companies are forming a coalition of unions, businesses and consumer groups to tout the benefits of natural gas and to help "prevent or defeat" initiatives that inhibit its use, according to internal industry documents obtained by The Seattle Times. They're calling the coalition "Partners for Energy Progress," and a public launch is scheduled next year."
Shareholders are guaranteed return on infrastructure investments of around 10%. Thus they make money on destroying the planet and selling the results overseas. They are not a US public utility.
14. From 2016 to 2018, PSE spent over \$1,742,000 on lobbyists in Olympia. That's almost \$400,000 more than Amazon spent on lobbying during the same period. Between 2008 and 2018, PSE gave \$665,598 to candidates across Washington.
15. Over the last 10 years, according to Sightline, PSE's total political spending in Washington was about \$7 million (compared to \$2 million from Amazon). That money is donated to candidates, spent on lobbying, and used to fund special interest PACs like the one it's supporting this year in Seattle.

		<p>In 2012, for example, there was a ballot measure to switch Thurston County, where Olympia is located, from relying on PSE as a publicly owned utility. It turned into the most expensive election in Thurston County history. PSE spent more than \$400,000 against the measure, which ultimately wasn't approved by voters.</p> <p>16. In October of 2018, PSE was taken over by British Columbia Investment Management Corporation and the Alberta Investment Management Corporation, Canadian pension funds that currently control 90 percent of the company that are heavily invested in oil and fracked gas operations.</p> <p>17. "More than \$3 billion of the \$135.5 billion managed by the British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (BCI) is invested in the top 200 publicly traded oil and gas companies," reports CBC. As a resident of Kirkland, WA, I do not want my power company making profits from investing my utility costs in climate-destroying fossil fuels. I want my power company to be focused on doing its job: providing excellent products and services for its customers.</p> <p>We do not need a Natural Gas Facility in Tacoma that hasn't yet been signed off on relative to environmental standards. This rate hike would pose a hardship to senior citizens and those on a fixed income.</p> <p>Please note my strong opposition to this effort.</p> <p>Sincerely, Denise Wells</p>
Elizabeth	E-mail	<p>Good evening - I am writing to voice my strong opposition to rate increases for PSE customers.</p> <p>Puget Sound Energy continues to source the majority of its energy from fossil fuels which are damaging to public health and threaten public safety.</p> <p>Fracked gas projects (like the LNG facility in Tacoma) are not only unsafe, but stand in clear violation of the legal rights of indigenous communities. You have a responsibility to put the interests of the people of Seattle - who overwhelmingly support a just and swift transition to renewable energy - ahead of the profits of a private company. Please do the right thing.</p> <p>Thank you, Elizabeth</p>

	Carol Isaac	E-mail	<p>Please do not hand over a new rate hike to a monopoly energy utility. Dependence on dirty fossil fuels is counter to a healthy future. And the changing future is coming quite fast with respect to the evidence-based climate emergency bearing down on ALL of us. On you too.</p> <p>Look at what you are really doing. Mitt Romney did. Do a Mitt Romney on this.</p> <p>Carol Isaac</p>
	Denice Carnahan	E-mail	<p>To: WUTC</p> <p>Thank you for making sure that Washington Residents are getting a fair deal from our utilities.</p> <p>PSE customers already have some of the highest electricity rates in the state. It is estimated that foreign shareholders of PSE are already making from 6.5 - 10% return on the backs of those of us who are dependent them for our electrical and gas.</p> <p>PSE needs to do a better job managing expenses and reduce profits to its shareholders in order to provide fair prices to those of us in Washington. If they can't do this maybe they shouldn't be running PSE. Maybe a public utility would do better....</p> <p>Also, those that don't want smart meters should be able to keep them at the same price as those who do have smart meters.</p> <p>Thank you again, for representing us and making sure decisions are made in the best interests of the public.</p> <p>Denice Carnahan</p>
	Michael Laurie	E-mail	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Michael Laurie and I oppose this requested rate increase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is long past the time for PSE and the UTC to recognize what the investment community has been recognizing for a while, that fossil fuels are dead including natural gas. <p>Please see the article in the following link where Financial investment expert Jim Cramer says “On “Squawk Box,” Cramer compared oil and other fossil fuel stocks to the stigma attached to investing in tobacco companies, saying they are in the “death knell phase.”https://www.cnbc.com/2020/01/31/cramer-sees-oil-stocks-in-the-death-knell-phase-says-new-tobacco.html</p>

- An here is another article showing that financial industry. In the article at the following link it points out that Black Rock, Goldman Sachs, Liberty Mutual, and the Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., and the European Investment Bank are stepping away from investments in fossil fuels.<https://www.newyorker.com/news/daily-comment/citing-climate-change-blackrock-will-start-moving-away-from-fossil-fuels> Are PSE and the UTC going to keep investing in resources that not only hasten climate change but that will soon be stranded assets that no one wants to be a part of?
- Why isn't PSE required to show the annual steps they will take to eventually get to being a zero carbon utility? Many of us fear that because they are not required to create and stick to a timeline that requires annual reductions in their carbon footprint that they will just say they tried and continue investing heavily in gas fired power plants to replace their use of coal fired electricity.
- PSE is asking the UTC to approve an additional 6.9% in electricity revenue, and 7.9% in additional natural gas revenue, after raising gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices.
- Unlike publicly owned energy utilities, privately held Puget Sound Energy gets more than 60% of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas and are only now reluctantly getting off coal.
- To meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas. PSE is not doing that and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.
- This rate hike is because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?
- CEO Kimberly Harris made \$7.6 million in compensation in 2018
- according to Sightline, over the last 10 years, PSE's total political spending in Washington has been \$7 million (compared to \$2 million from Amazon).
- PSE is part of \$1M PR campaign to fight any initiatives that curb fossil fuel
- From 2016 to 2018, PSE spent over \$1,742,000 on lobbyists in Olympia. That's almost \$400,000 more than Amazon spent on lobbying during the same period.
- As stated in your own information sheet, this increase is for shareholders profits.
- To me it appears that me PSE is being used as revenue stream for Canadian Retirement Funds. They are milking this cash cow until it dies without putting any thought into its part in the future.
- Why should we as ratepayers be expected to pay for their poor management?
- If they need to cover these increased costs, they should be reducing their payments to shareholders and salaries to executive and not asking ratepayers to cover the loss.
- I urge the UTC to reject this requested rate increase.
- PSE is requesting a 7.7% increase in residential electricity rates. One point of justification is “technology systems ... that allow customers to interact with PSE at their convenience”. You should reject this portion of the rate case request. During the 2017 IRP Hearing and the 2019 PSE IRP processes, which includes 125 inputs at the May 2019 Listening Session, not a single customer asked PSE to provide an improved web interface.
- What customers have asked for, over and over again, is for PSE to use current science and up to date data in

		<p>the IRP process. Incorporating these requests would enable PSE to acquire assets that truly represent least reasonable cost, though both lower cost electricity generation assets and technologies that reduce peak loads, thereby removing the need for new capital assets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hundreds of PSE customers are asking the utility to include items in the IRP analysis that will reduce cost and allow the utility to reduce their carbon pollution. It is critical that you send PSE a message, as the State Legislature clarified in the Clean Energy Transformation Act, that they get on with it. I urge you to hold the utility accountable to this outcome by setting a firm precedent in this rate case hearing and disallow any costs that are not aligned with customer requests and the CETA goals. • This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part. • In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that “PSE's next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled,” demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options. • In October of 2018, PSE changed hands once again. This time, PSE was taken over by British Columbia Investment Management Corporation and Alberta Investment Management Corporation, Canadian pension funds that currently control 90 percent of the company. And guess what? Those pension funds are dirty with oil and fracked gas money. “More than \$3 billion of the \$135.5 billion managed by the British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (BCI) is invested in the top 200 publicly traded oil and gas companies,” reports CBC. “It is concerning that our private utility is owned by an out of state interest that has a financial incentive,” Caleb Heeringa, communications director for the Sierra Club, told The Stranger. <p>Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Michael Michael Laurie Sustainability Consultant Watershed LLC P.O. Box 2315 Vashon, WA 98070 mlaurie@mindspring.com www.WatershedLLC.net 206-406-7153 mobile phone</p>
	Ronald Snell	E-mail The current PSE request to the UTC should not be approved in its current form. It is my understanding that approximately 40% of the increase will be used to pay for the LNG plant in Tacoma. This is a facility that PSE ratepayers neither want nor need.

		<p>There is absolutely no need for additional capacity for pipeline gas on the part of PSE customers. Over the next 25 years, the market for PSE pipeline gas infrastructure will decline significantly. Because of the 100% clean electricity law passed by the legislature in 2019, PSE will have to eliminate all of its coal based electricity. None of this coal power can be replaced with pipeline gas. Currently 20% of PSE's electricity comes from gas which is the maximum allowed in order to meet the mandated goal of 80% clean energy by 2030. After 2030 PSE will have to begin to eliminate its gas plants to meet the 100% clean energy mandate by 2045.</p> <p>In addition PSE direct customer base for pipeline gas is also expected to decline. Seattle and many cities on the Eastside have set aggressive GHG reduction goals. These goals cannot be met unless usage of pipeline gas is reduced dramatically. For example in the City of Kirkland where I live, pipeline gas is responsible for 21% of GHG emissions based on a 2018 city GHG emissions assessment. Some cities are considering a ban on gas hookups for all new development. Other cities such as Kirkland planning to programs to incent developers to build 100% electric commercial and residential buildings. The city is also developing programs to help homeowners convert from gas to electric when their furnaces and hot water heaters need to be replaced.</p> <p>PSE has failed to consider the real needs of their ratepayers in attempting to have them help pay for the LNG facility. If PSE wants to export pipeline gas using that facility, they should pay for it.</p> <p>Ronald Snell Kirkland, Washington</p>
	Oneida Arnold E-mail	<p>Washington Utility and Transportation Commission:</p> <p>I am asking you to deny Puget Sound Energy's request for rate increase. Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas. We should be working to dismantle fracked gas infrastructure. UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message. The huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages is the reason why they are asking for this rate hike. It is not a reliable or safe energy infrastructure and consumers should not be forced to pay more when cleaner, safer electricity is available. PSE had major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019 one of which sent workers to the hospital. The aging infrastructure guarantees this won't be the last request for a major rate hike.</p> <p>How will UTC handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma, which will only be used 2% of the time by ratepayers yet ratepayers will be paying for 40% of the project? When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for vulnerable communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties and ignoring global scientific consensus that we must keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground of face dire consequences.</p>

			<p>Please do the right thing and deny the PSE request for a rate hike.</p> <p>Sincerely, Oneida Arnold</p>
Elaine Bennett c/o Michele E. Jones	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Elaine Bennett</p> <p>C/O Michele E. Jones</p>	
Al Olsen	E-mail	<p>Dear Sir or Madam,</p> <p>We are really getting very tired of these yearly increases in our energy costs from PSE. Inflation now is at a very low level according to US Govt. statistics so this new increase of about 6.12% is really uncalled for. Maybe if a USA company instead of a Canadian company owned PSE we would not see these yearly increases. The UTC should not let them put through this increase. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH !</p> <p>Al Olsen Coupeville WA</p>	
Ed Howell	E-mail	<p>I do not agree with this rate increase. 6-12% increase is ridiculous. The notice says, "The electric and natural gas requests are based on a proposed rate of return (ROR) on rate base of 7.62% with a common equity ratio of 48.5% and a 9.8% return on equity (ROE). Customers pay for these returns in order to service debt expenses</p>	

			<p>and provide the opportunity for shareholders to earn a fair return on their investment." There is nothing fair about this to the customer. The Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) has routinely rubber stamped these seemingly annual rate hikes from PSE without regard to the customers that are affected. The UTC needs to stop this and roll back rates - not increase them.</p> <p>Regards, Ed Howell 360.894.4569 PSE Residential Customer</p> <p>Sent from my Galaxy Tab® A</p>
	Raed Gyekis	E-mail	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>These routine rate increases are neither fair nor equitable. Do not kid yourself: these ROEs and RORs are being done on the backs of ordinary citizens, and they are unreasonable. Ask yourself if a 6-12% increase seems fair in this tepid economy.</p> <p>Your notice states, "The electric and natural gas requests are based on a proposed rate of return (ROR) on rate base of 7.62% with a common equity ratio of 48.5% and a 9.8% return on equity (ROE). Customers pay for these returns in order to service debt expenses and provide the opportunity for shareholders to earn a fair return on their investment." There is nothing fair about this to the customer.</p> <p>Stop listening to this garbage from PSE. What is the current percentage a typical Savings account is earning? Your average citizen cannot and is not earning these kinds of returns on their Savings in this economy, not even close.</p> <p>We should be discussing a reduction in rates, not double digit returns for investors on the backs of our citizens and customers.</p> <p>Raed Gyekis Residential Customer & Military Veteran</p>
	Barry Halverson	E-mail	<p>I do not agree with this rate increase. 6-12% increase is ridiculous. The notice says, "The electric and natural gas requests are based on a proposed rate of return (ROR) on rate base of 7.62% with a common equity ratio of 48.5% and a 9.8% return on equity (ROE). Customers pay for these returns in order to service debt expenses and provide the opportunity for shareholders to earn a fair return on their investment." There is nothing fair</p>

		<p>about this to the customer. The Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) has routinely rubber stamped these seemingly annual rate hikes from PSE without regard to the customers that are affected. The UTC needs to stop this and roll back rates - not increase them.</p> <p>Barry Halverson 253-341-6059 Residential Customer</p>
	Charles L. Corss	<p>E-mail COMMENTS RE DOCKETS ue-190529 7 UG-190530</p> <p>My comments refer in particular to Docket UE-190529, and will address the reasons for the rate request, in the order in which the three reasons are presented in the Notice of requested changes to PSE rates and public hearings.</p> <p>Investments in self-service tools have been made for the benefit of PSE. There has been no ground swell of customer demand for this type of investment. What these self-service tools really do is give PSE unbridled access to individual customers electrical appliances.</p> <p>If the accommodation of increased levels of residential solar and battery storage means that demand for PSE electricity has fallen, then the PSE proposal should be increased rates for those using solar, rather than penalizing those not using solar. Additionally, it is ludicrous to ask the rate payer to pay for a NON CASH balance sheet expense which totally benefits PSE.</p> <p>With regard to natural gas investments, it should be noted that without doubt, PSE knew in advance of these investments, what impact on their balance sheet might be expected. "Improved reliability" most likely means "for the benefit of PSE", rather than the gas customer. And last but not least, it is again preposterous to ask the customer to pay for a NON CASH depreciation expense, which expense benefits PSE at tax time.</p> <p>Submitted 12-13-19 by</p> <p>Charles L. Cros12711 Pless Rd. SE Rainier, Wa. 98576 PH: 360-446-0006</p>

			Sent from Mail for Windows 10
	Jeremy	E-mail	<p>I object to the purposed rate increases.</p> <p>The percentage of rate increases is too high.</p> <p>Sent from ProtonMail Mobile</p>
	Valerie Sleiertin	E-mail	<p>Stop stealing from the people and giving it to your share holders U do not need a rate Hike for your stupid ideas we have no other co to go to for gas or trust me I would NO GAS OR ELECTRIC RATS HIKE Valerie Sleiertin</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>
	queenbee33	E-mail	<p>Please please please! My social security check for new year is going down! And PSE is going to raise their rates? NO NO NO NO!!!!</p>
	Barbra Norman MIM	E-mail	<p>Hello I received my last energy bill and read the notice about a 6.9% increase in cost. I frankly am shocked. When it comes to something we need, warmth, I am shocked PSE feels the need to increase our rates so much! I had to attend a meeting (for work) and a state representative (I think was his title) was there...(I cleaned out last years notes so am not sure of his name, etc.) He shared how Washington cry's the need for money to fund programs, yet said we have over a "billion" dollars in revenue! I do not understand why PSE could not get subsidized via this money and not increase our cost for heat. I will need to revert to wood heat if this increase occurs. Do we, the consumers, have any say? With over a BILLION dollars surplus I would think something could be done to assist you with "investing in technology systems", etc. I am very discouraged and am fearful of my soon coming retirement as my income will go down and my heat cost skyrocket.</p> <p>Barbara Norman MIM Institute for Family Development 360-377-6311</p> <p>Confidentiality Statement: This message may contain information that is privileged, confidential and exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If this message has been sent to you in error, please notify us immediately by replying to this email and delete all copies from your computer. Thank you</p>

	Shirley & Cliff Jones	E-mail	<p>The reasons cited by PSE for the proposed rate hike are extremely weak.</p> <p>Vote No.</p> <p>Shirley & Cliff Jones Whidbey Island</p>
	Rosemary Moore	E-mail	<p>Please reject PSE's request for a further increase in electricity and gas rates for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlike publicly owned energy utilities that are cheaper, cleaner, and provide more reliable service, privately held Puget Sound Energy gets more than 60% of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas. • Puget Sound Energy has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. Now they're back for more. • PSE shifts the burden of obtaining and paying for renewable power sources by requiring us to pay extra for Solar Power or Green Power. Why should PSE be paid more when its customers are already paying extra for renewable resources? Customers cannot afford to meet this burden and should not have to do it. PSE should not be allowed to further increase rates. • PSE does not appear to be devoting its resources to developing more renewable resources. Instead, it is building a huge LNG storage facility – without a permit. LNG is largely obtained by fracking. Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system. We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure - not least because the infrastructure is old but also because methane is a major greenhouse gas. When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences. Not to mention violation of indigenous rights/Treaties. Giving PSE a second huge rate increase condones its irresponsible conduct and supports its irresponsible strategy. • Apparently, the rate hike is requested because of a pipeline explosion in British Columbia. This exemplifies that PSE should be working for safe and clean energy supplies not more LNG and continued reliance on coal. • PSE does not have Washington state's interests at heart. It is a private company. Two Canadian pension funds currently own and control 90 percent of PSE. One of these, British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (BCI) is invested in the top 200 publicly traded oil and gas companies, according to CBC. • PSE has sufficient money. It is using its surplus funds in ways that are against the interests of Washington residents. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o CEO Kimberly Harris made \$7.6 million in compensation in 2018. o PSE is part of \$1M PR campaign to fight any initiatives that curb fossil fuel use: “The gas companies are forming a coalition of unions, businesses and consumer groups to tout the benefits of natural gas and to help “prevent or defeat” initiatives that inhibit its use, according to internal industry documents obtained by The Seattle Times. They're calling the coalition “Partners for Energy Progress,” and a public launch is scheduled

		<p>next year.”</p> <p>o From 2016 to 2018, PSE spent at least \$1,742,000 on lobbyists in Olympia. That’s almost \$400,000 more than Amazon spent on lobbying during the same period. In addition, between 2008 and 2018, PSE gave \$665,598 to candidates across Washington. Over the last 10 years, according to Sightline, PSE’s total political spending in Washington looks more like \$7 million (compared to \$2 million from Amazon). That money is donated to candidates, spent on lobbying, and used to fund special interest PACs like the one it has supported this year in Seattle. In 2012, for example, there was a ballot measure to switch Thurston County, where Olympia is located, from relying on PSE to being served by a publicly owned utility. It turned into the most expensive election in Thurston County history. PSE spent more than \$400,000 against the measure, which ultimately wasn’t approved by voters.</p> <p>PSE does not have the interests of Washington’s residents at heart. It is not vested in reducing greenhouse gases and other pollution. Its primary focus is profit. WUTC should send PSE a message that it must serve Washington’s interests if it wants to continue doing business here.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to consider this. Sincerely,</p> <p>Rosemary Moore 6230 East Mercer Way Mercer Island WA 98040 Cell: (1) 206 251 7009</p>
Jeanne Poirier	E-mail	<p>Please don’t cave in to Puget Sound Energy for another rate increase! We need to be transitioning away from (especially new ones) fossil fuel projects. Liquid “Natural” gas is not a bridge fuel - it is a climate killer. Support projects which will create jobs and a healthy future for us all! Renewable energy Infrastructure Solutionary Rail</p> <p>There is so much your commission could be doing to help the earth, not line pockets with more money!</p> <p>Already on your list, but whatever you need to do.</p> <p>Jeanne Poirier</p>

			Cashmere, WA
	Nick Engelfried	E-mail	<p>Dear WA Utilities & Transportation Commission,</p> <p>As a PSE customer in Bellingham, WA, I am writing to strongly oppose PSE's proposed rate increase for which it is currently seeking approval from the Commission. PSE's customers already pay enough for our energy; making matters worse, the increase now on the table would mostly go toward the dangerous and unnecessary Tacoma LNG project. If rates are going to go up, they should at least be doing so to fund infrastructure that serves the public good. Tacoma LNG does not accomplish this. Only 2% of the benefits from the project will actually go to PSE ratepayers, yet we are expected to shoulder more than 40% of the cost. Furthermore, building Tacoma LNG is inconsistent with Washington's goal of becoming a leader in clean energy and low-carbon development. PSE's customers should not be forced to pay for a facility that increases our area's reliance on fossil fuels while doing almost nothing to benefit our communities.</p> <p>Like thousands of other Washingtonians, I am deeply concerned about climate change and the implications of our fossil fuel dependence. I believe the day is coming when our region will be entirely powered by clean, renewable energy, and we should be doing everything we can do hasten that day's arrival. It is short-sighted and irresponsible to build a liquefied natural gas plant during this critical time when we must be taking action on climate change. The fact that PSE wants to make customers like me foot the bill only makes matters worse.</p> <p>Please do not allow the proposed PSE rate increase to move forward. It is unnecessary, and neither ratepayers nor the climate can afford it.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Nick Engelfried 1330 Humboldt St. Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
	Debra and Sven Grahn	E-mail	<p>We oppose the proposal to raise our rates in May 2020 by 6.12% for electric service and 7.52% for natural gas service. It is a hefty increase on the >50% people/families living on or under the margin for Western Washington. With PSE, we have absolutely no options in other utility providers. The rate increase will really hurt our family as we are finally coming out from under the recession. Not all families are even at this point yet. We see people making decisions between diapers and food, and we live on East Hill in Kent.</p> <p>We are not in a free market situation. The rate increases are excessive. Perhaps the top five executives could shave some of their salary and benefits to return some of that to the company? We were stunned to see their compensation levels. (https://www1.salary.com/PUGET-SOUND-ENERGY-INC-Executive-Salaries.html)</p> <p>We would also voice our disapproval to stop using the coal plant in Montana. While moving off coal, we are</p>

		<p>paying for service from wind farms that we do not own, so we are limiting our choices in power provisioning and guaranteeing our dependence on wind farms that are not owned by PSE or utility companies. Is wind the answer? Hmm. Retired windmill parts cannot be recycled. There are always trade-offs. With dams, we are hurting the ecosystem downstream. With coal, we must have better filtration for cleaner air. It's difficult to decide which is the lesser of evils. You sit in difficult positions. Hopefully, you will make the best decision in this instance and deny the proposal or drastically limit the increases.</p> <p>Regards, Debra and Sven Grahn</p>
	Richard J. Davis, PE	<p>E-mail I am a Puget Sound Energy electrical customer at 11846 Deer Trail Lane SW, Olympia 98512. My name is Richard J. Davis.</p> <p>I oppose the rate increase applied for by PSE for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our ability, like that of many rural customers, to interact with PSE for updates on outages is not viable. All standard communications, including our cellular phones, depend on the Internet. And the local Internet depends on a network of Comcast amplifiers powered by PSE. Even connections to cellular towers do not work here. Our phone calls use a Verizon network extender that routes our calls through our modem. We have had only one power outage in recent years when the Internet did not go down. We correctly inferred that the outage was very near our home, and it was close by, several hundred yards away. 2. The notice to rate payers in our bill packets was insufficient. For example, it did not include a definition for common equity ratio, it did not mention personnel or salary increases, nor did it give a reference such as a prior WUTC order justifying the 9.8% ROE. 3. If I read the PSE application correctly, they are requesting that you approve their costs for these data handling improvements after they are incurred. This is like having a bland check for excessive costs and waste. There at least needs to be an approved ceiling on expenses. 4. Perhaps two years ago PSE upgraded the circuit feeding our area to 3 phase, with new poles and tree wire. However, they did not upgrade the deteriorated branch circuit in the vicinity of Deer Trail Ln. SW, that serves several houses. No capital improvements have been done for the 25 years we have lived here, and one of the poles was leaning about 15 degrees in 1994. I therefore assume no upgrades have occurred here for well over 30 years. So, I would like to see new money spent on capital facility upgrades for PSE's distribution system, rather than informing customers of when a storm outage will be repaired. 5. PSE already has a good smart-phone communications system. Requesting a huge rate increase in their upper tier of electric usage seems ludicrous.

		<p>6. If a rate increase for consumer information is needed, it should appear as a meter charge and not an energy charge. A fixed cost is being proposed where the costs are related to the number of customers, not the amount of energy they use.</p> <p>7. Customers without PV generation, battery storage, and plug-in electric cars should not be subsidizing PSE's alleged increased costs for those systems. Those customers should pay the capital and energy costs for what they use.</p> <p>Please acknowledge receipt.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Richard J. Davis, PE</p>
Marcus Smith	E-mail	<p>I have the following comments on the proposed rate increases.</p> <p>Proposed rate increases of 6.12% and 7.52% for respective electric and gas service is excessive. Excessive in this recent and projected continuation of cheap capital costs and low inflation. The captive audience of consumers keeps getting further and further behind corporations who wield power and a monopoly. With inflation hovering around 2% annually why does the utility need 300% that rate in relative terms to keep up. Aren't they getting enough revenue from the fees they charge. No money for amortization of equipment, depreciated costs? Really? It's profit taking pure and simple. They recoup their money in the combination of basic service charge and utility costs on top of that. If the WUTC can't hold the line on the FOR PROFIT corporation monopolies in these times, what will be their future rate increases look like? The WUTC should be extremely hesitant to grant them these increases. Please hold the line. Their proposal – an additional \$200 million in revenue is unwarranted and we ask you to grant increases close to two percent inflation rate or a third of what they are asking for.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these proposed changes.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Marcus Marcus Smith 18417 NE 137th Street Woodinville, WA 98072</p> <p style="text-align: right;">509-828-2870</p>

Sara Bhakti	E-mail	<p>I strongly OPPOSE any rate hike request from PSE to expand its fracked gas.</p> <p>Fracked gas is environmentally irresponsible. It does harm to groundwater from the chemicals used to release the gas from the rock in which it is embedded. These hazardous chemicals may seep into groundwater, the groundwater that people rely on to be potable.</p> <p>Furthermore, fracked gas is a fossil fuel. I strongly oppose adding additional fossil fuels to our energy supply. PSE must join the rest of the environmentally responsible corporate community and invest in clean, renewable energy.</p> <p>Our future, our children's future, depend on responsible decisions made now. Just say NO!</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Sara Bhakti Kirkland WA</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>
Carol Reid	E-mail	<p>You are out of your minds. When is it going to be enough. I for one are disabled and barely getting by now with all your increases. Is it going to be enough when we don't have any electricity and living by candlelight, having to burn wood outside for heat, can't keep our food cold unless its winter? What is wrong with your cooperation? Mishandeling of funds is what I suspect. No, no more hikes, we cannot afford it now. Maybe us the people you are hurting should shut down all our power ourselves and just see how you like it when your stock goes down and you make nothing. Isn't that really what its all about, is filling your pocket full of money while we suffer? You constantly raise our power every year. And you always say it for something important. We don't want to pay for your buildings. Your cooperation does not care about the people it is truly hurting. For God's sake please don't do this. You are killing us.</p> <p>Carol Reid</p>
Dell Goldsmith and Robin McLeod	E-mail	<p>Why are we stoking up methane production and burning? This potent gas is fueling climate destruction in order to put more money into the pockets of the rich and powerful. Do NOT approve of this dangerous plan! Dell Goldsmith and Robin McLeod</p>
Holly Brewer	E-mail	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>please do not approve event more increased funding for PSE's use of natural gas. They ned to instead invest in renewable energy.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

			Holly Brewer www.IndivisibleBainbridgeIsland.org/
Overton Susan	E-mail	I strongly disagree PSE needs this high an increase in it's power rates. I've had new windows and attic insulation installed, but still have high power bills in the winter. We are fixed income our 0.6% increase in social security won't come near to the take increase proposed. Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android	
Isample46	E-mail	I think my rates are too high now. I'm putting a wood stove in. I put a heat pump in 2010 and now that was a waste. Soon we will all have solar panels. Your greedy and I can't afford what your doing.	
Marjorie Fields	E-mail	And no more fracked gas! You know why. These are both moral issues. Does your extremely overpaid CEO have a conscience? Marjorie Fields Edmonds WA	
Cynthia Ervin	E-mail	Dear Utilities and Transportation Commission, Please do not allow this increase. PSE is a private company, whose executives are highly compensated. They do not need our money. They definitely don't need it to expand the use of fracked gas. If the harm to people who live near the fracking sites doesn't move people in Washington, how about the pollution of water which irrigates food we receive? Please don't let PSE use my money to enrich themselves at the expense of our health and the future of our climate. This going directly in the wrong direction. Thank you, Cynthia Ervin 6017 30th Ave NE Seattle 98115	
Martha Wiltamuth	E-mail	I am opposed to the rate increase that PSE is proposing. I am opposed to the Tacoma LNG project since this expands the use of fossil fuels. We need to keep fossil fuels in the ground. I do not support a rate hike for fossil fuel expansion. In particular, I do not support fracked gas. Thank you for your consideration,	

			Martha
	Ben Pecora	E-mail	<p>I am writing in hopes that my comments will be included in the record for your proposed rate increase for PSE.</p> <p>This is ludicrous.</p> <p>The company continually touts its advances in “green” energy and encourages us to “conserve.” This should result in savings - not increases.</p> <p>I can tell you that this household conserves mightily. The fact that we use as little as possible (not just electricity, but also water and sewer and trash,) yet are essentially subsidizing heavier users.</p> <p>I don’t like it.</p> <p>Please refute this proposed rate increase and insist that utilities make a better use of the funds they have.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Ben Pecora 20625 Terasse Dr. NW Poulsbo, Wash. 98370 206-992-3331</p> <p>This e-mail is intended solely for the person or entity to which it is addressed and may contain confidential and/or privileged information. Any review, dissemination, copying, printing or other use of this e-mail by persons or entities other than the addressee is prohibited. If you have received this e-mail in error, please contact the sender immediately and delete the material from any computer.</p>
	Polly Freeman	E-mail	<p>Do not fund fracked gas! Fighting climate change so our kids have a chance at a sustainable future on the planet means we must phase out fracked gas – from everywhere it is used. Approving a huge rate increase for PSE to help them fund fracked gas infrastructure heads us in absolutely the wrong direction.</p> <p>In addition to the climate disaster headed our way if we continue to embrace fracking, this energy source is not safe in other ways either – witness the huge pipeline explosion in BC and two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019.</p>

			<p>Gas infrastructure will continue to age -- the time to move to safer and cleaner electricity is now. Please do not approve PSE's rate hike and bolster a dangerous fuel source.</p> <p>Sincerely Polly Freeman 201 NW 60th Seattle, WA 98107</p>
	Celia Warren	E-mail	<p>As a citizen of Pierce County, I am astounded by PSE's recent request to raise rates, after a 14% increase last year, when only an estimated 2% of the natural gas from the LNG plant will go to customers. Rate-payers will then be paying almost 50% of the cost of this project when many of them are adamantly opposed in the first place.</p> <p>The hubris of PSE is breath-taking after battling with citizens, environmental organizations and the Puyallup Tribe who are still trying to prevent the LNG plant from starting up. We opponents are united in our alarm that the SEIS still didn't address all environmental and health issues.</p> <p>The natural gas industry has clearly shown it doesn't care how much methane leaks during extraction of the natural gas, along the pipelines, and ultimately the proposed LNG plant. When natural gas is extracted, methane is vented constantly and my understanding is that the Tideflats plant will do the same. Has PSE addressed how to minimize venting at the LNG plant? Is PSE going to use state of the art technology to reduce the methane released?</p> <p>I urge UTC to deny PSE's request for another rate increase. If allowed, Pierce County will have its own example of favoring corporate power over the needs of citizens and the local and world environment.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my concerns. Celia Warren</p>
	Jeanine SanClemente	E-mail	<p>Please stop raising PSE rates! Puget Sound Energy is an extremely wasteful company that overpays its CEO, spends exorbitant amounts of ratepayer money on campaigns and lobbyists, and is doubling down on fracked gas infrastructure at a time when we need to be weaning ourselves off of polluting energy sources. PSE is no longer a locally owned company and they are fleecing their ratepayers with these consistent and expensive rate hikes.</p> <p>Jeanine SanClemente, Ph.D. Snohomish County</p>
	Jeff Fernandes	E-mail	<p>Dear criminals, I have two children who will live through an era of massive species extinction, the acidification of our great oceans, and the desertification of our green planet.....because of asinine decisions like Tacoma LNG. AND then you have the gall to make citizens pay for this foolhardy project who will receive 2% of the "benefit".</p>

			<p>Where I grew up in Washington we had a name for folks like that.....muthafuckers.</p> <p>We must learn to live with less energy. I will lobby to have decision makers who destroy our planet jailed and punished for their crimes.</p> <p>Sincerely, A witness to your folly</p>
	H. Weinberg	E-mail	<p>Hello, UTC;</p> <p>I'm opposed to the proposed large PSE rate increases.</p> <p>As a monopoly, I think PSE, already has many advantages- and has utilized them to arbitrarily increase rates, over the years.</p> <p>Their current rate-increase justifications appear to be confusing excuses for rate-gouging.</p> <p>Their first reason for example "would allow customers to interact with PSE at their convenience". As a customer, I can already do that. And I do so very, very rarely. I'd much rather keep my money - and forgo more "convenient interaction" - whatever that means...</p> <p>They also cite an increased return for shareholders. Their loyalty is obviously to their shareholders - not to consumers.</p> <p>I'd ask that the UTC protect our interests - as consumers, residents and voters.</p> <p>Please keep me informed of developments on this issue.</p> <p>Thanks! H. Weinberg</p>
	Liz Spoerri	E-mail	<p>To the WA State Utilities and Trade Commission,</p> <p>I am unable to attend the hearing in Bellevue on the 22nd but I'd like to comment here.</p>

		<p>PSE raised rates by 14% months ago and they are applying to do so again. I don't believe this is fair to their customers or the region. PSE is choosing to invest in costly gas infrastructure in order to export fracked gas. Only 2% of the fuel is intended to be used by local customers although they are bearing 43% of the costs. What choice to customers have? Non, I believe, because their utility company is set for their whole neighborhood. I believe the Utilities and Trade Commission is intended to protect customers from unreasonable rate hikes.</p> <p>Please act to protect customers from being forced to pay for PSE's risky venture.</p> <p>Thank you, Liz Spoerri 6900 California Ave SW #504 Seattle, WA 98136</p> <p>lizpoerri@hotmail.com</p>
Nicole Southwell	E-mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Whom it May Concern, • I am tired of being forced to prop up the fossil fuel industry, tired of unnecessary rate increases, and ready to for better! • Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system. • We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message. • This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available? • PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It's inevitable that this won't be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age. • This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part. • In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that “PSE's next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled,” demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options. • -When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near

			<p>fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.</p> <p>Best,</p> <p>Nicole Southwell</p>
	Daniel Ferra	E-mail	<p>Fossil Fuels Poisoning an Killing us</p> <p>Destroying Our Fragile Life Sustaining Eco-Systems</p> <p>20 Feet of Sea Level Rise in Greenland</p> <p>200 Feet of Sea Level Rise in Antarctica</p> <p>Today Tonight Tomorrow</p> <p>With In 36 Months</p> <p>Collapsing ?</p> <p>Arctic Methane Natural Gas Bomb Getting Ready To Explode</p> <p>Perma-Frost Methane Hydrates Mantle Methane From Isostatic Rebounding an Pingoos</p> <p>Seeping Spewing an Venting In The Arctic Now</p> <p>Getting Ready To Explode</p>

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With In 36 Months Being Boiled Alive ?

From Exponential Increases In Heat

This Life of Lies By Vatican Britain Switzerland US Federal Reserve an Israel

Will Finally End

In Their Executive Extinction Execution

This Methane Natural Gas Veil Enveloping The Stratosphere

“IS 65C. Hotter Than Normal” Sam Carana

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All That Methane Is Accumulating in The Stratosphere an Warming The Troposphere

Melting Calving Getting Ready To Collapse

Greenland an Antarctica

Antarctica Has Melted The Last Four Years What It took Arctic To Melt In 34 Years

Methane Burp Or Pingoe Popping Pimple

and at some point, like Natalia Shakhov, Guy Mcpherson, and Kevin Hester point out, we are going to experience a Methane blow out in the Arctic, from Mantle Methane, Perma-Frost, Methane Hydrates, Pingoes.

The Methane has been telling us, it is going to blow since 2005 by Natalia Shakhov, what was a finger size blow whole in 2005 is now a 200–300 ft. wide blow hole called Pingoes 2015

And their increasing in number and size in Siberia, North American Plate, and on the Euro-Asian Plate

We Are Already Locked in to 20C. Temp Rise an Will go Off The Charts In Heat Even If We Stopped Emitting Now

Methane has a 10 year lag time an Carbon has 30–50 Year Lag time in Reaching its Full Molecule Potential in Holding Heat Mass

Methane has 130 Times More Heat Mass in the Molecule in First Ten years

Then 86 Times More Heat Mass per Molecule over 20 years

Then 34 Times More Heat Mass per Molecule over next 80 Years Than Carbon

		<p>440 Nuclear Reactors</p> <p>450 Nuclear Fuel Rod Pools</p> <p>Over 1,300 Fuel Rod Pools</p> <p>Over 14,000 Nuclear Weapons</p> <p>Over 250,000 Toxic Tons Of Radiated Nuclear Waste</p> <p>Over 2,000 Nuclear Detonations Excused As Test</p> <p>Facebook Google US Federal Reserve Bank Judicial System All Are Deniers an Censor an Punish us For Demanding Change</p> <p>Shut It Down Leave It In The Ground</p> <p>We Should Not Throw In The Towel,</p> <p>Now Is The Time To Act</p> <p>Campaign to Allow Californian Residents to Sell Electricity Obtained by Renewable Energy To the Utility aka Feed In Tariff</p> <p>We Need a National Feed in Tariff Will you read, sign, and share this petition? https://petitions.moveon.org/sign/let-california-home-owners</p> <p>There Is So Much Uranium In The Oceans They Will Be Mining It Soon</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v9GRkZMTqCs No Rate Hikes In This Executive Extinction Execution</p>
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Kristin Pedersen	E-mail		<p>NO LNG facility and no rate hike to pay for it. We don't want any new fossil fuel infrastructure. We've told you that a million times and here you are ignoring us and your descendants so you can line your pockets. Let PSE die. We shouldn't have a for profit company deciding our energy infrastructure. We want clean power and we want the dirty companies OUT. If they want to survive they need to invest in sustainable power and fuel infrastructure, just like all the rest of us. Stop condoning those who wish to ruin the future of us, our kids, our grandchildren, your children and your grandchildren. We've been telling you we don't want this for years and here you are still trying to push it through. The only reason I see that you would decide to allow this is if you're accepting bribes or getting some type of advantage, on top of being psychotic and anti life. I can't believe there are those out there who would do this, especially in the wake of Australia. It's totally offensive, rude, and sociopathic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NO PSE RATE HIKE - NO LNG FACILITY - NO NEW FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE - NO EXPANSION OF DIRTY ENERGY <p>Kristin Pedersen 2907 140th St NW Marysville, Washington</p>
Buster Simpson	E-mail		<p>I strongly object to PSE assessing a 14 % rate increase because it is NOT a sustainable option. To invest in a technology that is environmentally damaging as well as a unsound practice from a business stand point for long term solutions disregards the responsibility this utility is to uphold in order to practice in our state. If the 14% were going to more sustainable solutions I could be behind the request. More and more people are turning to</p>

			<p>electricity as an alternative to gas. Wind farms and solar power should be PSE top priority, not a fossil fuel folly.</p> <p>Buster Simpson 901 Yakima Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144 206.753.7717 mobile buster@bustersimpson.net www.bustersimpson.net</p>
	Elizabeth Brown	E-mail	<p>Stop! Don't do it! Washington makes a great stab at being green and then this?! We must leave gas in the ground where it is and stop allowing rich corporations to make money on natural resources. We have no business using the hard-won money of taxpayers and workers to subsidize such misguided projects. If we're going to invest in anything it should be clean energy, such as solar, (on-shore) wind, and geothermal. Not one more red cent for fossil fuel excavation or siphoning!</p> <p>sincerely, -- Elizabeth Brown 1402 S Bennett St, Seattle, WA 98108</p>
	Andrea Avni	E-mail	<p>To the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission:</p> <p>It's time that the WUTC sides with the people of Washington and stops rubber stamping rate hikes for monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels!</p> <p>Puget Sound Energy has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. Now they're back for more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system. • We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and the WUTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message. • This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available? • PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It's inevitable that this won't be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age. • This brings concern about how the WUTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part.

			<p>Again, it's time to focus on alternative energy development for our state. No rate hikes to fund fossil fuel infrastructure that Washington citizens do not want! Maintaining a climate safe for life on this planet is a far higher priority than profits for PSE.</p> <p>Andrea Avni 11515 105th Place SW Vashon Island, WA 98070</p>
Elana Kupor, LMHC	E-mail	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am absolutely opposed to PSE's Tacoma LNG project, which will use environmentally destructive methods--fracking--to obtain "natural gases"--ie, methane, an extremely harmful pollutant.</p> <p>PSE also gets 60% of its electrical power from fossil fuels. In our current climate crisis, this is completely unacceptable. If PSE plans to raise its rates, it must do so ONLY to create power from sustainable sources--especially solar and wind power.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>-- Elana Kupor, LMHC (206) 659-2321 www.elanakupor.com</p> <p>NOTICE: This communication and any attachments may contain privileged or otherwise confidential information. If you are not the intended recipient or believe that you may have received this communication in error, please reply to the sender indicating that fact and delete the copy you received without printing, copying, retransmitting, disseminating, or otherwise using the information. Thank you.</p>	
Daniel Zizza	E-mail	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I am writing to say that I am strongly opposed to rate hikes to PSE consumers to help fund the construction and operation of the liquefied natural gas plant in Tacoma. As a rate payer I would like to see my rates go towards helping to support a move to clean energy. PSE has recently received a rate hike and I think that it is unconscionable that the rate payers should be asked to help fund the</p>	

			<p>LNG plant which will offer very little to PSE customers directly. Please reject this rate hike proposal. Sincerely, Daniel Zizza 7727 9th Ave NW Seattle, WA 98117</p> <p>-- Dan Zizza LAc, MAc, EAMP 206-329-5466</p> <p>Please see my website: danielzizza.com for information about my acupuncture practice and booking appointments.</p> <p>CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This e-mail message, including any attachments, is for the sole use of the intended recipient(s) and may contain confidential and privileged information protected by federal and state law. Any unauthorized review, use, disclosure or distribution is prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender by reply e-mail and destroy all copies of the original message.</p>
	Nicolas	E-mail	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I recently read that PSE was planning an other rate hike to pay for a Natural Gas terminal in Tacoma. First of all as a PSE customer, I don't understand why the cost of the terminal is being passed onto me since, as I understand it, this has a very little to do with improving the service for residential customers. Second, I intend to replace gas appliances in my home with electric appliances in the next 5 to 10 years and I know that some of my neighbors are considering similar moves. At this point in the century we should be working to reduce our dependency on fossil fuel not increase it. I would be happy to pay more in my utilities if it goes toward renewable energy project such as production or energy storage but certainly not to pay for more gas infrastructure.</p> <p>Nicolas.</p>
	Rev Richard K. Gibson	E-mail	<p>PSE Please do not pass on LNG plant construction costs to customers.</p> <p>I will not befit from your environmentally problematic LNG plant in Tacoma. This plant is a disaster for our</p>

			<p>warming climate.</p> <p>I will not benefit from this plant.</p> <p>Please do not ask me to pay the construction costs for the LNG plant with higher gas usage rates/ Cheers,</p> <p>Dick Rev Richard K. Gibson 18808 68th Ave W Lynnwood 98036</p>
	M'Lou Christ	E-mail	<p>I won't be in town to attend the hearing, but wish to let you know I am insulted that this has even been proposed!</p> <p>This for-profit does not warrant additional funds: It got a 14% increase not long ago, spends excessively on management & lobbying & now plans to build a plant which will provide c2% service to residential customers, but cost them over 40% of its cost!</p> <p>No new funding should be going to this entity which is adding to the climate crisis instead of providing renewable energy to WA residents and businesses. Any review of PSE funding should result in an immediate reversal/correction of this atrocity.</p> <p>—M'Lou Christ Redmond, WA</p>
	Margaret Bergmann-Ness, MA, LICSW	E-mail	<p>Puget Sound Energy gets more than 60% of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas. It's time that our state Utilities and Transportation Commission sides with the people and stop rubber stamping rate hikes for monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels! Puget Sound Energy has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. Now they're back for more.</p> <p>Talking Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system. • We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message. • This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be

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	Gloria Peterson	E-mail	<p>This new rate hike is highway robbery. I object and I vote NO NEW RATE HIKES!</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>
	Lin Provost	E-mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system. • We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.

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- PSE Expenditures and Incentives – They don't need our money!
- CEO Kimberly Harris made \$7.6 million in compensation in 2018
 - PSE sponsors tons of events (it is a monopoly and doesn't need to advertise) so it's all about greenwashing
 - PSE is part of \$1M PR campaign to fight any initiatives that curb fossil fuel use: “The gas companies are forming a coalition of unions, businesses and consumer groups to tout the benefits of natural gas and to help “prevent or defeat” initiatives that inhibit its use, according to internal industry documents obtained by The Seattle Times. They're calling the coalition “Partners for Energy Progress,” and a public launch is scheduled next year.”
 - Shareholders guaranteed return on infrastructure investments of around 10%
 - From 2016 to 2018, PSE spent over \$1,742,000 on lobbyists in Olympia. That's almost \$400,000 more than Amazon spent on lobbying during the same period. And that's just lobbying.
 - Between 2008 and 2018, PSE gave \$665,598 to candidates across Washington.
 - Over the last 10 years, according to Sightline, PSE's total political spending in Washington looks more like \$7 million (compared to \$2 million from Amazon). That money is donated to candidates, spent on lobbying, and used to fund special interest PACs like the one it's supporting this year in Seattle.
 - In 2012, for example, there was a ballot measure to switch Thurston County, where Olympia is located,

		<p>from relying on PSE to being served by a publicly owned utility. It turned into the most expensive election in Thurston County history. PSE spent more than \$400,000 against the measure, which ultimately wasn't approved by voters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In October of 2018, PSE changed hands once again. This time, PSE was taken over by British Columbia Investment Management Corporation and Alberta Investment Management Corporation, Canadian pension funds that currently control 90 percent of the company. And guess what? Those pension funds are dirty with oil and fracked gas money. "More than \$3 billion of the \$135.5 billion managed by the British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (BCI) is invested in the top 200 publicly traded oil and gas companies," reports CBC. "It is concerning that our private utility is owned by an out of state interest that has a financial incentive," Caleb Heeringa, communications director for the Sierra Club, told The Stranger. <p>PSE needs to acknowledge that we are in a climate crisis and they need to step up to the plate and work on addressing this. Why? Is the money supporting a climate fund or cleanup costs? It appears it's exactly the opposite: PSE is building the controversial Tacoma LNG project, and although less than 2% of this infrastructure is designed for residential customers, they plan to pass on 43% of the construction costs in the form of higher utility rates.</p> <p>There are a lot of questions that need to be answered before this hike increase.</p> <p>Lin Provost current PSE customer and have no options to change that 😞</p>
Ken Bright	E-mail	<p>People appreciate power and PSE's provision. But this time their rate increase is well above what should be allowed.</p> <p>We ask those of you responsible for governing our social well-being to significantly mitigate this rate increase. Those in fixed income brackets – and meager at that – but not in poverty welfare eligibility, will pay the most into PSE's deep pockets.</p> <p>I have observed these situations before, when a case is made for a desired expenditure, so other funds could be freed up to expand profits at public expense.</p> <p>The overall electric rate increase, in particular, is not warranted in spite of the case made for an electric world to the benefit of a subsidized minority.</p> <p>Ken Bright Dec. 10, 2019</p>
Phil Monasmith	E-mail	<p>As for the need for technology upgrades for customer service, that is part of doing business. It is to your benefit to upgrade your system!</p> <p>The increase for infrastructure to accommodate solar, battery storage, and electric car chargers, that should be</p>

			<p>the responsibility of whoever is adding that equipment. When I added a new service to a new building, I had to pay to upgrade the transformer. It wasn't a rate increase to everybody, just me. My neighbors also got the benefit of an upgraded transformer.</p> <p>Sent from my iPad</p>
	Andrew Smith	E-mail	<p>I would like to comment my disagreement with such large percentage increases in bills for electrical and gas. PSE has already requested and had approved an increase just a few years ago.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Andrew Smith</p>
	Katherine Bourdonnay	E-mail	<p>I am writing to oppose your proposed rate hikes. As a retired person living on a fixed income, the rate hikes you propose are a distinct hardship for me, especially when added to increases in other utilities like sewer and garbage and an increase in Medicare rates.</p> <p>You say you need the increase to fund "self-service tools" which I take it to mean automated answering menus, You apparently think this is an improvement but regular people see it as a frustrating and impersonal obstacle to customer service.</p> <p>You also want me to fund the costs to owners of electric cars. No one helped me when I bought my hybrid Prius twelve years ago, so why should I pick up any fees for the wealthy who buy electric cars. That's their choice; let them pay for it.</p> <p>Finally, I fully realize that no matter how much opposition this rate increase generates you will go ahead with it because you have absolutely no concern for the impact on people of modest incomes.</p> <p>This is in reference to UE-190529 & UG -190530</p> <p>Katherine Bourdonnay 8624 33rd St. W. University Place, WA 98466</p>
	Evelyn Snellgrove	E-mail	<p>I already feel gouged...Puyallup is ridiculously expensive with electricity, taxes etc thru the roof. I say NO RATE HIKE.</p> <p>I'm a senior living on social security. I got a 1.6% increase. But Medicare & Tricare both increased their rates 2%.</p>

	Michael Martinez	E-mail	<p>We should not be required to subsidize Putrid Sound Electric's antiquated climate-killing investments in carbon-based energy, and fish-killing investments in hydro. UTC should only approve rate increases for investments in truly renewable energy sources.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration.</p> <p>Michael Martinez 123 4th Ave W Olympia, WA 98501</p>
	H. Dennison	E-mail	<p>Hi I am a local residential Customer and I hear you will be raising the Rates up 7.7 is this true? I'm a family of 8 2 weeks out of the month and we're always on top of our bill and don't use when we can or use when we should. There has got to be something we can do for this not to happen. Our mortgage/rent is already at an all time high not to mention we also have the city of puyallup bill on top of a water bill.</p> <p>So why are we increasing?</p> <p>Thank you, H.Dennison Sent from my iPhone</p>
	John Daly	E-mail	<p>The current PSE proposal is extravagant compared to rate increases proposed in adjacent counties (Mason / Grays Harbor PUDs -2.75%) Additionally Mason PUD hasn't raised rates since 2016. The 7.7% elec & 7.5% gas seems excessive given we already pay almost double what surrounding counties ratepayers are assessed / KWh.</p> <p>Many of us retirees are on fixed no cola incomes in Thurston co with no way to make up all the escalating costs except to do without.</p> <p>I spent \$12,000 on a ductless system & have my thermostat at 66* to save energy costs only to be continually negated by rate increases.</p> <p>Lets have PSE carry some of the burden to their stockholders instead always passing profit margins on to ratepayers for a change. This proposal is simply excessive corporate gain.</p> <p>Thank you, John Daly Olympia Wa</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>

	Martin F Chen	E-mail	<p>Good morning</p> <p>Natural gas prices are low because the fracking industry is generating large amounts of natural gas, so large that the pipelines cannot transport it and it is being flared.</p> <p>I do not see any justification for an increase in natural gas rates for the consumer. PSE should be able to increase it's profit without any increase in rates due to the low price of natural gas.</p> <p>If pipelines and supply is an issue, that is the fault of politicians like Jay Inslee, who does not support increased natural gas infrastructure.</p> <p>Thank you for reading and considering these comments.</p> <p>Martin F Chen PSE Customer and owner of 3 residences. marchen101@aol.com</p>
	Steve Larson	E-mail	<p>I believe that the requested electrical rate increase is excessive.</p> <p>Two reasons for the electrical rate adjustment were listed in my latest PSE electrical bill:</p> <p>1) "Investments in technology systems such as self-service tools that allow customers to interact with PSE at their convenience."</p> <p>This sounds very altruistic on PSE's part. Since they are doing it for my (the consumers' benefit) the assumption seems to be that I should pay for it. I would suggest that while there may be some benefit to the consumer, the primary beneficiary will be PSE. They are lowering the level of hands on service they provide and shifting the time and effort required to the consumer. As a result of this automation, they will see considerable cost savings (lower labor costs, reduced administrative overhead and etc.) and should be bearing the larger percentage of any costs relating to this technology.</p> <p>2) "Accommodate increasing levels of residential solar, battery storage and electric vehicles with electric infrastructure investments, cost recovery of electric depreciation expense."</p> <p>As far as "electric depreciation expense", unless they are going to record 100% of this accounting expense in the next year, versus over time, the rate impact of this "expense" should spread out over the anticipated depreciation schedule. If the total amount of this expense were factored into the upcoming rate adjustment and the expense was recognized over time, there would be in essence a double counting of this expense...once now in the rate request and again later as part of ongoing operating expenses. I would also be curious to see how their projections of these expenditures (which I assume would be incurred prior to the next rate increase request) will compare to the actual expenditures.</p>

			<p>I appreciate that PSE is forward thinking in their approach to the potential shifts in electrical usage. But I hope that the time frames they are using in their projections are carefully vetted. Electric vehicles and residential solar use are increasing, but it will take many years to become the norm.</p> <p>Stephen Larson 1545 SE Nylace Ln Port Orchard, WA 98367</p>
	Terry & Natalie Sheely	E-mail	<p>A 7.52 percent increase in my power bill is objectionable on several levels. Most importantly it creates a financial hardship on seniors, like ourselves, on fixed incomes. Our fixed income monthly allocation for heat and lights will not increase by 7.52% this year so I am, in effect, in the hole. That hole is getting too deep. We have cutback on both heat and lightning and really have no where else to go.</p> <p>Please reject this application or at the very least exempt seniors.</p> <p>It would also be helpful if PSE offered subsidized, complimentary or discounted weatherization programs— storm windows, insulation, etc. that will reduce energy consumption and charges for seniors.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Terry & Natalie Sheely 22452 SE 300th St. Black Diamond, WA 98010</p> <p>Sent from Mail for Windows 10</p>
	Mike Carson	E-mail	<p>Dear UTC,</p> <p>I am writing to you regarding the proposed PSE rate increase of 6.9% for electricity and 7.9% for natural gas.</p> <p>I oppose any increase in rates.</p> <p>The federal government in listing the official inflation rate at 1.8%.</p> <p>Natural gas prices are lower now at \$2.88 per million BTU than in both 2017 (\$2.99/MMBTU) and 2018 (\$2.92/MMBTU). (Google search “what is the price change of natural gas from 2018 to 2019”).</p> <p>I haven’t seen PSE putting in any more electricity generation capability.</p> <p>So maybe the executives at PSE could do without a raise or bonus for 2020.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Mike Carson 9619 S 205th Place</p>

			Kent, WA 98031
	Hanna Miles	E-mail	<p>Please do not approve the request by Puget Sound Energy to increase the electric service rates. Many people are struggling to pay their bills as it is to provide heat for their families. PSE increases their rates each year and it always exceeds the cost of living increase. Not to mention senior citizens living off of social security. Families are falling further and further behind and some are becoming homeless.</p> <p>Please vote no.</p> <p>Sent by Hanna Miles 8635 173rd Avenue SW Rochester, WA 98579 360-791-0535 hannamiles@yahoo.com</p>
	Russell White	E-mail	<p>Good Morning,</p> <p>I would like to express my opinion that the WUTC should reject the request by PSE for rate increase and move forward on WUTC proposed rate increase.</p> <p>Thank you, Russell White Kent Wa 98042</p>
	Richard Austin	E-mail	<p>If workers got wage raises equaling the percentage of rate increases UTC has granted PSE, poverty would have been eliminated.</p> <p>No more rate increases! No more public-financing of PSE investors!</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Richard Austin 24112 Maple Hill Lane Mount Vernon, WA 98273</p>
	Kris Fetter	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please</p>

			<p>reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future. Even burying the lines would be an upgrade-less damage in storms would help everyone. Also, the Tacoma LNG plant will provide a lot of extra revenue-why do you need to raise prices for their customers?</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kris Fetter 1150 Sunset Blvd NE #104 Renton, WA 98056</p>
	Rob Vanderveen	E-mail	<p>Very unhappy about the rate increases.</p> <p>Regarding the improvements for interacting with PSE at customers convenience I feel my ability to interact with PSE is is good or better than other companies and there's no need to spend money to improve that.</p> <p>Regarding accommodating increasing levels of residential solar battery storage and electric vehicle infrastructure. I resent being forced to pay for green Technologies in any form unless they are actually cheaper than old traditional sources. It's my opinion all the oil and gas is going to be burned in the world eventually unless we find something cheaper not spending more on wishful thinking. Making me pay for that offends me and turns me off to it. We're better off to burn the coal and oil of the world in the United States where we do it cleaner.</p> <p>Thanks Rob Vanderveen</p>
	Joy Merritt	E-mail	<p>TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:</p> <p>Several weeks ago Puget Sound Energy sent out a notice to their customers regarding a request for a for an increased rate change. Though I understand why it may be a necessary increase, I believe your request for over 7% is unreasonably high. Even an increase in Social Security could not cover the added cost of that much higher</p>

		<p>rate change. Quite frankly, I am not concerned with “providing the opportunity for shareholders to ‘get their fair share’.” My concern is that many people struggle to pay their PSE bills every month, much less buy shares that would increase their own financial portfolio.</p> <p>I do believe it is important for our utility companies to support residential solar, battery storage and anything else that may help decrease the speed of global warming. This household contributes to the Green Fund every month, and we are happy to do so. I thought that those monies were being used for most of the purposes stated in your letter.</p> <p>Please be fair to your customers, not just your shareholders.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this letter.</p> <p>Joy Merritt (..a customer since 1990)</p>
	Mark B. Bailey E-mail	<p>Dear Commission Members,</p> <p>First let me acknowledge the difficult work you do. Thank-you.</p> <p>The approximately 8% rate increase requested by the utility is not warranted at this time. PSE must begin to do a better job of eliminating fossil fuels, offering power generating alternatives and power generating suppliers, and offering state of the art tools so customers can monitor and control their power consumption better. A 6% rate of return in a non-competitive environment is more than adequate and should be 0% on power generated by coal.</p> <p>Please consider climate impact when reviewing the latest rate adjustments from Puget Sound Energy. Financial incentives to both the customer and the power utility are both extremely necessary to help decrease the impact of fossil fuels on climate change and the negative effects it will cause future generations. The power utility should be able to get a reasonable rate of return for the shareholders but at the same time must be held accountable for both past and future climate impacts. Customers should be able to get reliable reasonably priced power but must also be held accountable for both past and future climate impacts.</p> <p>How to do it? How to be fair? These are difficult questions that will require unique and new solutions. The UTC can be a leader to help the State of Washington be a leader in reducing the use of fossil fuels. Some suggestions on how to accomplish this difficult but necessary task follow.</p>

			<p>The state standard method of electrical delivery needs to be changed so that customers, including residential customers, can select the provider of the electricity that they consume. This can be done by having a electrical delivery cost that pays for the electrical system infrastructure and a electrical power cost that pays for the power. Systems such as this are already used in other states such as Texas. The monopoly on power sales needs to end so customers can select a power provider based on the type of power generation, the green policies of the power provider, and the cost.</p> <p>The most polluting power sources must be eliminated, much sooner than later, from power supplied to the state power grid. Fuel oil and coal should be eliminated within a couple of years. This can be done by setting rates for coal generated power that provide little if any profit for the power company. Profits should only be made from hydro, wind, solar, and other renewable power sources. Natural gas should be available for power generation when demand exceeds the supply of renewable power sources with profit limited to ½ of the rate of return on renewable power sources. Rates of return on power generation for shareholders should be 0% for fuel oil and coal power production, 3% for natural gas power production, and 6% for renewable power production. Infrastructure should get from 0% to 6% rate of return depending on reliability of the power delivery system. If the power company wants larger profits these rates will cause them to develop more renewable power generating capacity while reducing natural gas, coal, and fuel oil as quickly as possible. All over a highly reliable delivery system. Meet or exceed the goals of renewable power and reliability and receive a 6% ROR. Anything less receives a lower ROR.</p> <p>Customers must also do their part to reduce climate change impacts. New homes should begin to be built with solar panels and batteries or at least prewired for solar panels and have a battery room. New homes priced above the median price for a home in a given area should be required to have solar panels. New homes below the median price should be prewired for solar panels so that the addition of solar panels at a later date is as cost effective as possible. All business building should be built with solar panels. New homes should be prewired for electric car fast-chargers. Customers with electric car charges should be required to purchase green power for their homes until fossil fuel is eliminated from the generated power sources (except for when natural gas is used for meeting demand that exceeds green power sources).</p> <p>Natural gas should be eliminated as a source of building and water heating. This can be done by having rates that increase with usage above typical amounts for cooking and fireplaces. Heat pumps can be a very cost effective alternative for heating needs and would use the green electric power described above.</p> <p>Will this be difficult? You bet it will. But we all have to start doing our part to limit climate change from fossil fuels.</p>
	Gretchen Luxenberg	E-mail	Dear UTC:

			<p>I am commenting on the proposed rate increase PSE is seeking to cover its costs in order to pay shareholders their expected return on investment at the expense of the public which depends upon the power provided by PSE and paid for by those users.</p> <p>I am against this increase. PSE is being greedy for its shareholders at the public's expense.</p> <p>PSE is closing offices and making it more difficult for citizens who do not have access to internet (yes, there are many without access particularly in rural areas or low income residents). This is not in the public's interest to close these offices. PSE clearly doesn't want employees which cost them money, but we all know the challenges of getting help on-line or from a call service center in another country. NOT HELPFUL. Do they WANT to help their customers, or only their SHAREHOLDERS? DUH.....</p> <p>To obtain a 9.8% return on equity is OUTRAGEOUS. The public can't even get half a percent interest paid on any money people have in banks and PSE wants to give its shareholders nearly 10%, taking it out of its customers? That is reprehensible. Shareholders can earn a lot less and still realize a profit on their investment. PSE should be embarrassed to request this kind of profit.</p> <p>PSE is talking out of both sides of its mouth, encouraging solar and other green technology to provide power and still investing and using COAL (36%) and NATURAL GAS (20%), which we know is bad for the environment and HUMANS. This reliance on coal and petroleum must stop NOW if PSE is to be taken seriously as a green company.</p> <p>PSE needs to reconsider its marketing strategy and fire the idiots who are coming up with these proposals thinking the public is so stupid we'll look the other way. NO to RATE INCREASE for PSE.</p> <p>Gretchen Luxenberg Freeland, WA</p>
	Elane Brazille	E-mail	<p>supporting the profit for? Is this just more corporate welfare? PSE live within your means . UTC on behalf of the customers show you represent the customers that you are unbiased Deny PSE the rate increase; at the very least give them a small portion of what they are asking for. thank you sincerely E Brazille</p>
	C. Bouta and L. Goldstein	E-mail	<p>Good morning: We are residential electricity customers of PSE in Thurston County. We are opposed to the average 7.7% rate hikes proposed by PSE. We feel they are too high and not well-documented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 7.7% rate increase is way out of line with our area's average rate of inflation. We feel PSE should be held to the rate of inflation at a maximum and seek additional revenues through efficiencies, reductions in management

		<p>pay, and reductions in shareholder earnings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As noted in PSE's customer notice, they are attributing the need for a rate increase to accommodate increases in residential solar. As one of their residential solar customers, we would like to better understand how our investment in solar on our home – which equates to an interest free capital loan to PSE to build regional solar capacity – is a primary reason for an excessive rate hike. To punish ratepayers for doing what's needed to move us off coal seems contrary to any public benefit criteria for a rate hike. • PSE also attributes the proposed rate increase to the rise in electric vehicle use. We would like to better understand how vehicles that minimize the use of fossil fuels creates a burden on PSE's solvency or shareholders. It seems like electric vehicle power demands would be offset by the residential and commercial solar power and the extensive savings PSE can achieve through conservation measures across all the service sectors. Again, we believe PSE can achieve the necessary revenues through efficiencies, reductions in management pay, and reductions in shareholder earnings. <p>In summary, this rate proposal is way out of line with a reasonable increase for anyone trying to make ends meet, doesn't provide a public benefit given the climate emergency we are facing, and seems contrary to preparing PSE for a clean energy future. And if we are being truly cynical, it seems more like a marketing ploy by a company invested in perpetuating fossil fuel use.</p> <p>Please include us on any information regarding the rate hearing and future decisions regarding this rate proposal.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
	Sandra Maki	<p>E-mail</p> <p>Once again, I am trying to get the Commission to pay attention to the reality of homes like mine that have Puget Sound Energy (PSE) which is the foreign corporation over charging for use of power. In 2005, power usage was affordable.</p> <p>The most current excuse for needing more money is not accurate. I have no idea where they get their information about usage or average temperature but it isn't Thurston County or maybe just apartments. My mobile home is approximately 1200 square feet. I had PSE perform a weatherization program and my home has less air loss than most houses. The only time of the year my friends and I have had 900 kilowatt hours of electricity during the month is a warm April or the month of May. After that, our weather is warm enough we turn off the furnace and do not turn it back on until September at the earliest. It depends on the weather. Now, I do not know where PSE gets their average weather but it isn't anywhere near my home on the east side of Olympia. During winter months I will have several days of 35 degrees or lower and my bill says 45 degrees. We also have no way of knowing how many days our monthly bill will cover. It can be 29 to 34 days and not the same as the year before or the month before.</p> <p>Now to get very personal. PSE has allowed the power drops to destroy some of my appliances. Oh, yes, they did. This house and nine (9) others were hooked up to a transformer that was installed in 1976 and we were having severe power drops. After many, many complaints, arguing with the, person who came to this area, my neighbor</p>

and I finally got some action. The transformer was outdated for the amount of electrical products being used in (I believe this was) 2006 or 2007. Before we could get anyone to pay attention, the power drops destroyed my 4-cup coffee maker, small Latte maker, electric grill, electric skillet, hair dryer, caused damage to my new refrigerator which I used until it was barely limping along. It also damaged my dryer and my dishwasher. I had to replace the dryer but could not afford the new dishwasher. The power drops also destroyed two (2) table lamps and a floor lamp. I was the last home on that old transformer so there could actually be some damage I did not notice at the time but discovered later...like my oven. PSE doesn't care.

When we had the power outage because of the unusual amount of snow, I believe that was 2012, I was out of power for over 5 (days). I could not get out and there were no motel rooms. Power trucks would go by on our road and not stop. One did stop finally and I could not get outside fast enough to make him understand we did not have power. I did hear him say, "I'm not climbing that pole." He got back in the truck and left. I kept calling and calling PSE but I was even told we had power and I said we didn't. Found out later this road did not and still does not show up on the grid because we are connect to Ontario Street, a short dead end road behind us.. We lost power recently because two transformers blew up on different days somewhere on Ontario Street behind this road and that is where we are hooked up. The rest of this park is hooked up to the main road – Fones Road. My sister told me we did not show up on PSE as having no power.

That snow storm and power outage in 2012 caused a health problem for me. Because I could not get out and there was no place to go, I stayed home and bundled up. By the fourth day, I would get cold and get in my car to warm up and fall asleep and wake up when I was warm. My doctor said I was starting into hypothermia and when I fell asleep that would have been when I died. I asked him how I can get over it and he said he didn't know. I lost all the food in my freezer. PSE doesn't care after all they said, "We gave you a \$50 credit."

My 'almost hypothermia' seems to be better but I do not allow myself to get really cold because I cannot stay awake and I lay down fall asleep and I wake up when I am warm.

PSE's excuse for more money to keep in contact with users is ridiculous. I do not have a smart phone; I have a land line. I do not communicate with PSE online; my information leaked by a hack to Equifax and a federal agency as well. Care must be taken.

PSE needs to learn to live on better budgeting of their money; they get enough. I am 75 years old looking for work. My choice is freeze by lowering the temperature in my house so I can buy food or stay fairly warm and not be able to get much food. I cannot eat the food at the food bank due to the type of food I can eat. I do not have medical insurance because it is not affordable and I am not poor enough to get help.

PSE makes the statement they contribute a program that helps with power bills. I have used that program in the past but I am not poor enough to use it now and your really have to be destitute. You also have to get to the agency first or forget it. They do not have enough money for the need.

There are people around this area who have wood stoves and burn illegal wood. They do it because they cannot afford the power when a furnace is needed. This is contributing to our environmental problems.

If shareholders do not like PSE returns, they can move their money. This is not a local corporation; who are the shareholders. PSE can stop printing colored bills and inserts and stop TV cartoon commercials. That would help with their inability to make only 10% net profit. How do you know they really only make a 10% net profit?

	Dale O'Key	E-mail	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>Effects of your proposed rate changes for residential customers re both gas and electric total approximately 14%. That is a lot.</p> <p>For some customers this may not be burdensome. However, for those of us living on fixed incomes this can become very burdensome. Particularly those of us who's fixed income may be higher than your pre-determined threshold for assistance.</p> <p>As a former participant in a Consumer Panel of Puget Power, I know that there are pass-through taxes collected on behalf of other agencies. So, it is impossible to just take this proposal at face value as a necessity to provide both good customer service and to provide capital improvements to your infrastructure.</p> <p>Your service area is very large. Yet, you do not offer "time of day" usage to all residential customers within the Puget Sound Area. I find just that alone unbelievable in today's world.</p> <p>I believe that between now and your proposed effective date of May 2020, this proposal needs to be more carefully studied. Much more is involved here besides the area and surrounds of greater Seattle. There are lesser districts and many rural who are customers and I suspect next to none of your so called needed funds will be used to enhance those areas.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
	Pete Arechiga	E-mail	<p>In regards to the PSE rate increase. I am firmly against their preposterous rate increase to customer rates. Although PSE does provide a service that meets the task it is expected to provide for us paying customers.</p>
	Ryan Elting	E-mail	<p>PSE, No way! We will not be paying for your false promises to your corporate investors! I shelled out for the solar I'm putting onto your grid, and you need to invest in actual renewable energy. Coal is in no way clean energy. Nor is natural gas. Look to the future, not the past. There are those of us who are prepared to disconnect. Ryan Elting</p>

	Scott Bartlett	E-mail	<p>I want to voice my concern with PSE's rate increase request. I strongly appose their request and believe their stated need for the increase are not justifiable reasons.</p> <p>I support not granting the increase and would recommend PSE place future efforts into growing their wind, solar, and hydro electric generation which I would stand behind for additional funding.</p>
	William Jaques	E-mail	<p>These comments pertain to Docket Number UG-190530 1-4-2020</p> <p>Dear UTC,</p> <p>Puget Sound Energy is one of Washington State's largest utilities and is essentially a monopoly that has little competition. It is regulated by Washington State's Utilities and Transportation Commission to ensure they are charging fair prices. Since being acquired by a conglomerate of Australian and Canadian financial institutions, prices have skyrocketed. Since 2009, the parent company Puget Holdings LLC has made a tremendous amount of money off the venture</p> <p>Since Puget Sound Energy has gone private, income figures are not available to the public; However, our gas bills have continued to increase and now they are asking for more increases for a variety of reasons, including increased "return on investment". Us senior citizens have received very small increases in social security for the last few years (sometimes zero) and the increase for 2020 is a paltry 1.6% increase and I think it is about time for PSE to live within their means. Other companies such as Boeing have reduced salaries, bonuses, pensions, and health care benefits to make ends meet. Because PSE is a monopoly, the company feels justified to propose unrealistic increases in rates because users have no other choice. PSE needs to reduce staff, freeze salaries, and reduce pensions and benefits to match those reductions imposed by other employers and our government benefits. Natural gas prices are at a historic low and our bills just keep going up and up. A 7.9% increase in natural gas prices is ridiculous. This has got to stop and I expect the UTC and the attorney generals office to protect us by holding "administrative costs and investment returns" to an extremely low level. It is important to hold the line on expenses and not line the pockets of the fat cat executives, their staffs, and banking investors.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, William Jaques</p>
	Sarah Fletcher	E-mail	<p>Hello, I hope that Mercer Islanders can please be excluded from PSE's request to increase the rates. We are taxed out.</p> <p>They supposedly want more money for the following: "Investments in technology systems such as self-service tools that allow customers to interact with PSE at their convenience"</p> <p>We already "interact" with PSE. I pick up the phone and dial their number which is what I have done for years. And they have just closed their Customer Service Offices so it sounds like they want less interaction with humans.</p> <p>And actually, before I got Comcast, I could use my phone when the power went out. Now, with Comcast, when there is a power outage which is when I would want to interact most with PSE, I do not have access to phone,</p>

		<p>internet, cellphone, or television, so what use would these "self-service tools help when the power goes out? And people already hate having to press buttons on their phones, it actually sounds like they want to save money themselves and just go with having customers push buttons. And did they give you a breakdown of how much the self-serving tools would cost? Where can we find the information?</p> <p>And with regard to: "Accommodate increasing levels of residential solar, battery storage and electric vehicles with electric infrastructure investments, cost recovery of electric depreciation expenses; and Improved reliability with natural gas infrastructure investments, cost recovery of natural gas depreciation expenses."</p> <p>It is not like Seattle is known for its sunshine. And as for the batteries themselves, it is not like they even generate electricity and it says that their performance can be affected by very hot or very cold temperatures. So what would the point be if it is very cold and the battery doesn't work?</p> <p>And with regard to the High Voltage Power Line CENSE project, when you read that "The consultant was also asked to study the safety risks of installing large poles very close to 50-year-old petroleum pipelines located near downtown Newcastle and several residential neighborhoods. The results of the study were expected in March 2019, but PSE has withheld crucial information that prevents the consultant from reaching conclusions. Newcastle's public hearing is not expected until the first quarter of 2020 at the earliest." You don't need to be an expert to realize that installing large poles right next to 50-year old petroleum pipelines is not a good idea no matter how much spin is put on it. Taxpayers should not have to pay for a private equity firm who are in the business of making profit off of taxpayers. S Fletcher</p>
	Sari Spieler, On Your Behalf, LLC	<p>E-mail this is an increase that as proposed will do little to help the consumer, putting more of their expected gain into services for their owners, not for their customers.</p> <p>I have low income wards on disability income who do not have extra funds for increased electricity costs. I would ask your Commission to carefully review the plans for the use of this extra expense and determine whether PSE truly needs to add this burden to people who have no choice in how they cover their budget (for example, only getting \$800/month in income and difficulty heating a single wide mobile home).</p> <p>Sari Spieler On Your Behalf, LLC (360) 331-1617</p> <p>slspieler@whidbey.com www.on-your-behalf.com</p> <p>CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE:</p>

			<p>The information contained in this electronic message and any attachment(s) is privileged and confidential. The information is intended only for the use of the named recipient(s) above. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution or the taking of any action in reliance on the contents of this information is strictly prohibited. If you have received this message in error, please notify us by telephone. Thank you.</p>
Patricia Francisco	E-mail	<p>Reasons for rate increase; “investment in technology systems such as self-service tools that allow customers to interact with PSE at their convenience.” In other words, you want to get rid of actual people when your customers call with a problem. I do not support this action. “accommodate increasing levels of residential solar, battery storage, and electric vehicles with electric infrastructure investments, cost recovery of electricity depreciation expenses.” This unpacks to: you people are using less of our product because you’re installing solar, and you’re using backup batteries and charging your electric cars. We need to charge you more for using less. Get with the game and start using solar power and hydro electric. "...largest source for our “clean” electricity is coal, at 36%. 20% comes from natural gas." What happened to our hydro electric dams? Why is PSE using coal? In my opinion, you don't need a rate hike, you need to move into the 21st century with advanced sources of energy. Don't use your company to justify sticking it to the consumer. It is your responsibility to keep your product up to date and efficient. Get with it PSE. Patricia Francisco</p>	
Gail Anderson	E-mail	<p>As a senior citizen on a fixed income, the news of you planning on increasing our energy costs is very distressing. You had said smart meters would cut costs, which didn’t happen, and now you plan to increase rates. It’s time to go back to heating with wood! Sent from Mail for Windows 10</p>	
Donald Leever	E-mail	<p>I was shocked to see that PSE has been allowed to increase our utility rates at such a high rate coming May 1, 2020. This will become a great burden on we retired residents in King County, Wa. Was this action debated and bargained with the supplying agency? When their contract expires in 2025, what can we expect to see from subsequent suppliers? This further enforces the reality for us to decide to relocate to a different location than the county which has been our home for over 70 years. I appreciate your response and consideration. Donald Leever Kent, Wa</p>	

	Jared Howe	E-mail	<p>Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system.</p> <p>We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.</p> <p>This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p> <p>PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It's inevitable that this won't be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age.</p> <p>This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part.</p> <p>In the 2017 IRP acknowledgment letter, the UTC stated that “PSE's next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or canceled,” demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.</p> <p>When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Jared Howe</p>
	Brady Hanson	E-mail	<p>This email is to protest this rate increase. King Counties 1.4% cost of living wage increase doesn't come close to covering this. Please reconsider this excessive increase. Fixed incomes can't afford it.</p>

			Brady Hanson
	Anthony Koleszar	E-mail	<p>Natural gas is plentiful and at historic low prices.</p> <p>The BS you present about losing gas for a day or what not, too bad, suck it up.</p> <p>NO RATE INCREASES</p> <p>Thank you</p>
	Deborah Brazle	E-mail	<p>This is Deborah brazle and I'm on a fixed income I can't afford anymore price increases. I barely can make it right now with my energy assistance. I won't be able to live in my house if the rate goes up. Please don't Thank you Mrs. Brazle</p>
	M. Denise Salgado	E-mail	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I understand that there is plan to increase PSE rates in May by 6.12% for electric service and 7.52% for natural gas. This was just brought to my attention by an online group.</p> <p>I would like to protest against this as our rates are already very high with no show of increase in salaries in the area. This would be devastating for families such as mine with only one source of income. Please reconsider.</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>
	Maria Sigheartau	E-mail	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Maria Sigheartau a resident in Redmond WA 98052, and want to express that I am AGAINST the proposed increased PSE rates for UE- 190529(electric) and UG- 190530 (gas Service)</p> <p>We can not afford the increases in gas and electric, and request the rates for both electric and gas to remain the same.</p>

			<p>Maria Sigheartau, Resident in Redmond WA</p>
	Ramona Sigheartau	E-mail	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Ramona Sigheartau a resident in Redmond WA 98052, and want to express that I am AGAINST the proposed increased PSE rates UE- 190529(electric) and UG- 190530 (gas Service)</p> <p>We can not afford the increases, and request the rates for both electric and gas to remain the same.</p> <p>Ramona Sigheartau, Resident in Redmond WA</p>
	Greg Kruger	E-mail	<p>I learned through another forum that PSE is intending on seeking a disproportionately large rate increase for both electric and gas. I receive my PSE statements online and have seen nothing about a rate increase. Perhaps this is by design.</p> <p>Natural gas is abundant. We have cheap electricity from the numerous dams in Washington. I fully oppose such greedy attempts at fleecing Washington state residents. This appears to be nothing more than a money grab to pad PSE's bottom line.</p> <p>Greg Krueger</p>
	Julie Ritter	E-mail	<p>That increase for electricity and gas is outrageous. Too much all at the same time !!</p> <p>Julie Ritter Covington, WA 98042</p>
	Cynthia Calhoun	E-mail	<p>I am emailing to protest the rate increase proposed by Puget Sound Energy. I would love to have an income raise of that magnitude but, unfortunately, my social security and my husband's disability payments won't be going up by that amount. We're going to be eating a lot of raw food in the dark and shivering under a lot of blankets if this continues!!</p> <p>Cynthia Calhoun</p> <p>“Upon awakening, let the words Thank You flow from your lips,</p>

			for this will remind you to begin your day with gratitude and compassion.” – Wayne Dyer
	Azim Merali	E-mail	I am protesting the Increase. Wages dont justify such a HIGH increase. Maybe small yearly incremental ones instead. Azim Merali Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone Get Outlook for Android
	Mr. Revy Dearing	E-mail	That is to much for an increase. Power prices need to change at a smaller increment or fixed income folks will be disadvantaged. Please reconsider your rate hike to a lesser amount. Mr. Revy Dearing.
	Patricia Taitt	E-mail	Protesting PSE electric and gas increase this coming May 2020.
	Stephanie Olmstead	E-mail	I am firmly against the proposal to raise our rates in May by 6.12% for electric service and 7.52% for natural gas service. I am a taxpayer and pay way too much for utilities and necessities to live a decent life Stephanie Olmstead
	Laurie Leno	E-mail	I know everyone prefers not to see rate increases, but I have to say when I'm paying over \$500 per month in the winter already for my combined electricity and gas, that's way more than enough for the one utility bill. Since I have recently retired, I have to be more conservative with my expenses and an increase would be a hardship. Laurie Leno Sent from Mail for Windows 10
	Christan Susanibar	E-mail	Good morning, I take the time to write the present to express my worry and discontent with a possible increase in gas and electric rates in my zone. I have a set pay at work and my finances are tight with the current charges already. Plus I do my best to not over consume the services.

			Sincerely, Cristian Susanibar Covington resident
	Missy Y	E-mail	I received a notice in the month of December 2019 which informed me that PSE has requested rate increases. I am a residential customer that use PSE for my services and I strongly disapprove of any PSE rate increases. Respectfully Submitted
	Stan Dailey	E-mail	Hello These rate hikes for electric and natural gas you are trying to get are ridiculous. How can you justify such a large increase at one time? I am highly against this hike. I vote NO!!!!!! Stan Dailey
	Bruce E. Dobson	E-mail	Greetings, I'm writing to question why PSE is not switching to solar sources for power. This utility should be dropping fossil fuel sources and switching to 100% renewables, as fast as possible. We have a crisis here on Earth, and burning fossil fuels is a major part of it. Please require PSE to quickly add solar power sources, and drop coal sources. Thank you, ~Bruce E Dobson
	Larry Fisch	E-mail	WE ALL KNOW YOU USE THE LOW NATURAL GAS PRICES TO SUBSIDISE YOUR OUTLANDISH ELECTRICAL BILLS-- NOW YOU WANT AN INCREASE- IS THIS LEGALIZED THEFT? people on social security can't afford your money games!!! I SAY YOUR BILLING INCREASE IS UNWARRANTED AND LEGALIZED THEFT! ITS AMNAZING WHAT YOU GET AWAY WITH AND HAVE FOR YEARS--YOUR TIME IS COMMING UP SO GET PREPARED!

Daniel Swan	E-mail	<p>2020 Puget Sound Energy Rate Increase Comments</p> <p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I am concerned with the significant rate increases proposed for 2020 on both electric and natural gas service. I do not support any rate increase upon the reasons given in your flyer that came with the December, 2019 bill, and certainly not extreme amounts such as 6.12% raise for electric and 7.52% raise for natural gas! I will explain my reasoning for each point given as “justification” for rate increases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investments in technology such as self-service tools for “my convenience”. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. I’d much prefer to save 6.12% on electric and 7.52% on natural gas charges and send in a check by mail that might take a little longer, and as a responsible adult, would not suffer from an “inconvenience” from the requirement to pay my bill in advance and allow for processing time. 2. Increasing levels of solar, battery, electric vehicles, etc. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. I have no interest or use for these types of power nor do I feel I should have to pay extra for these alternative or optional features that only benefit a subset of the rate-payers. These services, infrastructure, and expenses should only be paid for those that have interest in, or utilize them, and any other way of distributing costs is patently unfair. 3. Improved reliability of natural gas infrastructure investments, cost of natural gas recovery, depreciation, etc. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. I admit this may have some merit, but I’m skeptical since no concrete examples or other quantifiable or objective data can be provided to support this claim. Therefore, without supporting evidence, I can view it as only a token gesture to support the increased rates to a small amount that pales in comparison to the top two reasons, but this is thrown in for “validation”, “justification”, or “public relations” purposes. <p>Ultimately, I’m adamantly against a drastic rate increase to me for these insufficient reasons, especially as I have no choice but to use Puget Sound Energy as the sole energy provider to my home. This lack of fair and free-market economics allows monopolistic practices such as unwarranted rate increases like you are proposing that is more intended to pay employees and other “initiatives” like the first two leading reasons you claim a rate increase is planned. I request a detailed reply with quantifiable and objective rebuttals and/or data to substantiate your unfounded claims and reasons.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration,</p> <p>Daniel Swan</p>
Davis Strich	E-mail	<p>2019-12-17 Comment on proposed rates Docket UE-190529</p> <p>To whomever it my concern:</p> <p>I am concerned about the reasons for rate adjustments, especially point two. In reading “accommodate increasing levels of residential solar,” I am left with the impression that PSE is losing revenue on private solar</p>

		<p>installments. If this is the case, I find it deeply problematic to transfer the burden of lost revenue to all customers. I would even consider it a discriminatory practice.</p> <p>Those who have installed solar have the financial bandwidth to install these projects or to take out loans to do so. This is (or had been) done with government incentives or other local programs, so the long-term costs are low; moreover those who had been able to do so already had the money to consider an investment/project like private solar. As such, those with money are now being rewarded doubly because the poorer people will be charged to accommodate their projects. And not surprisingly, the majority with private solar are white people.</p> <p>This is also discriminatory against urban residents who undoubtedly have less space to install solar than rural or suburban residents. Urban residents live more compactly as it is and this density may lead to more shared energy usage. Furthermore, urban residents are more likely to be people of color than white.</p> <p>This all leads me to see that people of color in urban areas have to pay extra in electric bills rates to make up for richer white counterparts who live in the suburbs and rural areas. If indeed this were the case, then the rates (albeit small) would continue subtle structural racism that favors white people with money by continuing to privilege white people with money by making poorer people of color foot the bill.</p> <p>While I agree that technology and infrastructure costs must increase to keep up with user needs, PSE expectations, and so forth, I kindly ask you to revisit the simple solution of increasing everyone's rates to consider how white people in positions of privilege and opportunity (who have solar) may be more proportionately responsible for paying the burden that they are incidentally deferring to people of color.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely yours, David Strich</p>
	M. Kyle Chandler	<p>E-mail</p> <p>I believe the PSE rate increase requests are not justified and should be rejected.</p> <p>PSE does NOT claim the rate changes are due to increased costs that are out of their control - in fact, their costs should be no worse than level and probably a little lower with the current oversupply of natural gas. In fact, Fortune magazine reports PSE's profits are up 34% over the previous year.</p> <p>The reasons PSE gives for requesting the rate increases appear hollow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing technology systems like customer self-service should be lowering their costs rather than increasing them. • Depreciation expenses are NOT part of cash-flow but rather an accounting artifact with only distant connection to real-world costs. • Increasing levels of conservation investment in the customer base should be helping PSE reduce costs by helping to cover load peaks. Furthermore, it is incumbent on a public service utility to encourage such conservation investment and not try to profit from it <p>I encourage the UTC to disapprove the rate increase and insist PSE return with a realistic appraisal of their base costs before considering future rate increases.</p>

			<p>Thank you,</p> <p>M. Kyle Chandler, PE 37 3rd Ave S. Algona, WA 98001</p>
	Elena Rumiantseva	E-mail	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I would like to urge PSE not to raise rates for electricity and natural gas. This hike would measurably impact low income communities and especially people on fixed income, who don't have a dime to spare. When people are struggling financially, it does not help if their utilities are going up in price. Thank you for considering my comments.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Elena Rumiantseva Seattle, WA 98115</p>
	Patti Larsen	E-mail	<p>Please don't grant PSE's proposed rate increase for Whidbey Island. It far exceeds the rate of inflation and the reasons cited in their propaganda are not sufficient. Also please consider a senior rate discount, based on income perhaps, as it's hard to keep up with such increases when living on Social Security. Thanks, Patricia Larsen, Langley WA.</p>
	Karen Klees	E-mail	<p>Dockets UE-190529 (electric service)</p> <p>I am writing in response to a notice I received from PSE regarding rate increases. I am appalled at the amount of increase that they are requiring.</p> <p>I lived in Kenmore for 42 years and had PSE as a provider for as long as they were there during that time. I couldn't begin to tell you what horrible service was provided in my area. Finally after I wrote to a local newspaper my letter generated such a response from the public that PSE had no choice but to finally address years of abuse. Unfortunately, I sold out before everything was fixed but thankful that my friends in that area were no longer going to experience things like 9 days in 0 degrees with no power and that was the tip of the iceberg. Years and years of 5-9 days with no power. Continual interruptions, etc.</p> <p>PSE has never been a good, responsible provider and their ability to provide a service and not keep dinging their customers seems to be out of their reach. I'm sure the stockholders are doing just fine but I have to ask, when do</p>

		<p>you draw the line and hold these people accountable. If they can't manage financially perhaps an audit would be in order to assist them in making better business decisions so that the customer doesn't have to continually pay for their inability to run a profitable company.</p> <p>Our lawmakers are just as responsible for not controlling some of the outrages costs associated with living in Washington state these days. I find it difficult to believe that the people we elect are in fact working for the people. As long as they're cosy and don't need to worry about the cost of living, things aren't an issue for most of them.</p> <p>I strongly disagree with the proposal that is being put forth by PSE and I hope that someone has enough sense to question PSE's business practices and refuse this increase at this time. In addition to that, I would strongly recommend that the state audits the company.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Karen Klees 4605 Hall Road Blaine, Washington 98230</p>
	Sarah Six	<p>E-mail</p> <p>We received a notice of requested changes to PSE rates. Better technology systems such as self -service systems are not necessary. Electric infrastructure investments are not necessary. Natural gas infrastructure investments are not necessary. Please do not increase the rates. By increasing rates, you require all customers, whether or not they can afford the increase, to pay higher rates just to keep electricity in their homes. Please be conscientious of all who would be affected.</p> <p>Thank you, Sarah Six</p>
	Myron Berg	<p>E-mail</p> <p>To whom it may concern: We vehemently object to the proposed rate increases for residential electric and natural gas services referenced above. It appears that every time we turn around, there are utility increase requests from PSE . The reasons stated in the rate increase request by PSE are vague and nebulous and should not be granted ! Perhaps they should consider improving efficiencies within their organization which is a foreign for profit entity (should never have been permitted to occur in the first place) Thank you, The Berg Family</p>

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	Web Pina	E-mail	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Ever since PSE went private prices have constantly been on the rise while service interruptions during Autumn and Winter have increased because they are doing enough to maintain the infrastructure. Now the want another electricity increase of 6.12% ????. For what??? Have they earned it though better service? Nope! Is electric energy more difficult to obtain? Nope! Are our damns running out of water? Nope. The only thing that has gotten better this year is the outages but unless PSE controls the weather they can't take credit for the lack of November storms.</p> <p>They also want a 7.52% increase in Natural gas but considering the prices have actually dropped the only answer is GREED.</p> <p>Henry Hub Natural Gas Spot Price - Historical Annual Data Year Average Closing Price Year Open 2019 \$2.59 \$3.25 2018 \$3.15 \$6.24 2017 \$2.99 \$3.71</p> <p>Do they deserve a rate hike? Not only NO but HECK NO! They are making tens of millions of dollars a year at our expense! Please tell them NO, your expenses have gone down!</p> <p>Eduardo G Pina Federal Way WA</p>
	Susan Bennett	E-mail	<p>Every year, due to conservation and a heat pump, we use a bit less electricity and pay more. This is mostly a result of a monopoly owned by a private for-profit foreign company.</p> <p>In addition, PSE seems to be in no hurry to eliminate coal and natural gas from their energy source. Years ago there was an attempt to start a public energy company on Whidbey Island. It failed because of misleading advertising by PSE.</p> <p>I propose that, instead of paying a 9% profit to their shareholders, PSE invest in renewable energy sources with the money they already have, and that no rate increase be allowed until they divest completely from fossil fuels.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention.</p> <p>Susan Bennett 2191 Goss Ridge Road Freeland, WA.</p>

	Valerie Lehmans	E-mail	<p>I do not agree with this increase.</p> <p>None of your reasons for this increase are justified. The only reasonable justification would be if the costs of obtaining natural gas were higher, which is not the case.</p> <p>At a time when most of America is supposed to be enjoying the fruits of cheaper natural gas, PSE proposes to increase the cost to ordinary residents on the grounds of subsidizing other better-off residents to install solar panels and buy electric vehicles, which you want to impose on everyone, whether or not they can afford it. Seriously?</p> <p>You are penalizing the poor. This is outrageous. As you must well know, there's a gap between the very poor who can obtain discounts on their bills, and those between "poor" and "struggling" who are having to drastically reduce heating their homes. Shame on you.</p> <p>Valerie Lehmans</p>
	Jorge & Sacha Adamicska	E-mail	<p>Dear sir/madam,</p> <p>While I understand that there is little annual inflation, which is quite minimal taking into account the rate set by the Federal Reserve, I find an annual increase in the price of gas of 7.52%, as set in the example in the flyer by Puget Sound Energy, to be quite excessive. I hope that the commissioners reading these comments and tasked with deciding what increase to authorize realize that many workers have not had increases to their salaries as of late. In my case my last salary increase was in September 2012. I would not consider the negligible labor tax adjustment by the current administration to be a substantial salary increase as it amounts to less than us\$1 per day in my case.</p> <p>I strongly suggest the increase in natural gas prices does not exceed 2%.</p> <p>I find it humorous the reason given on the flyer for the increase as in "... provide the opportunity for shareholders to earn a fair return on their investment". It is pretty much guaranteed that whatever returns of investment they receive, their taxes would be much lower than in previous years thanks to the latest corporate tax cut, thus effectively having a larger return without the need for a price increase.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Jorge & Sacha Adamicska</p>

	Scott Wild	E-mail	<p>As a PSE consumer, I write in opposition to it's new request for rate increases.</p> <p>I see no reason for further "technology systems ... that allow customers to interact with PSE at their convenience." Current tools are more than adequate.</p> <p>I also question the need for "infrastructure investments" to accommodate "increased levels of residential solar" etc. As one who recently installed solar in my home, I already paid a substantial fee for the privilege of that hook-up. Now I must pay more? And I don't think people who cannot afford solar panels should be made to subsidize those who can?</p> <p>Thank you for "listening".</p> <p>Scott Wild Wild Card Adventures</p>
	Alan Kawashima	E-mail	<p>As a retired veteran on a fixed income, every time there's an increase in rates, it's just more money taken away from my limited spendable income. PSE is seeking a total increase of 15.2% to residential customers. I just received a COLA increase on my Social Security for 2%. You see, the math just doesn't match up for many of us.</p> <p>Why not have PSE increase or expand discounts for seniors and help us keep our heads above water? I request you deny this request of PSE for rate increases.</p> <p>Thank you. Alan Kawashima -- Alan Kawashima Lacey, WA P: 206.339.1275</p>
	Greg Kahler	E-mail	<p>Good Afternoon, I'm writing to object to the proposed approximate 15% PSE rate increases for investments in technology systems and electrical infrastructure.</p> <p>PSE already has self-service tools available, and investing further to create additional tools and support their</p>

			<p>associated maintenance costs is wasteful. The percentage of PSE users utilizing solar power and electrical vehicles is too low to justify such an unreasonable rate increase for such a small minority.</p> <p>I urge you to not approve these rate requests as proposed.</p> <p>Thank you, Greg Kahler PSE Customer</p>
	Bob McSeveney	E-mail	<p>I recently purchased a home in Kittitas county after moving from Chelan county. As you probably know, Chelan county electric rates are low and practical. Kittitas county is much higher and will NEVER decrease given the politics of electric companies. The average person, the “working man” will bear this cost having their income eaten up by ever increasing utility rates.</p> <p>I paid no more than 85.00 per month in Chelan county on a 4500 square foot home. In Kittitas county my last bill was 290.00 for a 3500 square foot home. Outrageous!</p> <p>The good news? I just purchased solar for my home. I see it as the only viable option versus the extortion of PSE rates. I was fortunate, I could afford solar, many cannot.</p> <p>In sum, I oppose any rate increase at this time because it hurts working people, the middle class and poor in the community. Maybe being more efficient with current funding should be considered to avoid the sting of rate increases given PSE’s monopoly on electricity.</p> <p>Bob McSeveney</p>
	John Cruse	E-mail	<p>These rate increases are unjustified. You should deny these increases and encourage the legislature to convert this utility to public ownership. Investors should not be allowed to make a large profit on a product that people must have. Most investments return 3 or 4 percent and carry a risk. Investors in these utilities get a guaranteed 7 percent. Outrageous.</p> <p>John Cruse 24212 13th Ave South Des Moines, WA 98198</p>
	Elana Kupor	E-mail	<p>Dear UTC,</p> <p>Please hold Puget Sound Energy accountable for climate pollution by opposing the sale of the Colstrip Plant to</p>

		<p>Northwestern Energy. NWE plans to continue burning coal until 2042. This means that the plant would continue to harm our environment without being regulated by strong environmental laws.</p> <p>We need to work to shut down the plant, not to give it a new lease for polluting.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>-- Elana Kupor, LMHC (206) 659-2321 www.elanakupor.com</p> <p>NOTICE: This communication and any attachments may contain privileged or otherwise confidential information. If you are not the intended recipient or believe that you may have received this communication in error, please reply to the sender indicating that fact and delete the copy you received without printing, copying, retransmitting, disseminating, or otherwise using the information. Thank you.</p>
David and Marjorie Korkowski	E-mail	<p>Dear Reader:</p> <p>We received notice of the request by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) for a rate increase that would take effect in May of 2020. The information includes the calculated percentage increase of 7.52%.</p> <p>Frankly this seems grossly excessive. I have no experience managing utilities, but the cost of living increase in my Social Security benefits is about 1.6% for 2020. A brief internet search shows that the cost of natural gas actually decreased during 2019, despite a couple of brief spikes midyear. Finally the calculations on the notice indicate that the rate increase is expected to produce a 9.8% return on equity for PSE. Although that is considerably less than the stock market returns (Vanguard 500 at about 30%) it is noticeably more than any bond fund, and utilities generally track the bond market more closely than the stock market. Finally, a 7.5% increase is certain to create upward pressure on housing costs, which are a major contributor to the homelessness crisis in our region.</p> <p>Please reject this rate increase.</p> <p>David (& Marjorie) Korkowski 625 NW 116th Street</p>

			Seattle, WA 98177
	Richard Mikita	E-mail	<p>Dear Sir:</p> <p>I recently learned of a proposed increase in rates for electricity and natural gas. The increase would raise rates by 6-7 %.</p> <p>I think that is too great an increase for many people, including retirees, of which I am one.</p> <p>I propose that PSE eliminate some of their proposed enhancements to the extent that the proposed increase would be approximately 3%.</p> <p>Yours truly, Richard Mikita Issaquah</p>
	Bob Toombs	E-mail	<p>These rate increases make it increasing difficult to maintain a home for seniors where their only yearly income increases come in Social Security. 7% increases are much more than we get from Social Security seeing we also increasing pressures from increasing medical and Medicare expenses. It appears to me that your organization needs to figure out how to become more efficient - automation should decrease your operating expenses. Improvements in efficiency should be the priority over new customer interaction tools. Help!!</p>
	Karl Wust	E-mail	<p>Please note that I am opposing any rate increases by PSE. At a time when natural gas prices are at the lowest in history they want a 7.52% rate increase when our inflation rate is less then 2%.</p> <p>A real good explanation is in order, perhaps they need to control their expenses. I am smelling pork barrel politics here:-)</p> <p>Greed is on the rampage in this state.</p> <p>Karl Wust</p>
	James Doman	E-mail	<p>REF: Docket UE-190529 request by Puget Sound Energy for an average 7.7 % residential rate increase.</p> <p>In going through my PSE statements for year 2019 is appears that PSE had a rate increase in April and again in September 2019.</p> <p>I am opposed to PSE requested rate increase as I think the amount is to large. While I believe PSE should receive a rate of return on there investment, an ROR of 9.8% seem excessive.</p> <p>PSE was purchased by an investment company some time back, now they want electric users to pay an excessive amount for their investment.</p>

			James Doman PSE Customer
	R. A. Virant	E-mail	<p>I am not interested in raising my rates for the reasons stated by PSE. It appears that PSE is currently above the average charges found in Washington State. And seems to be doing well.</p> <p>An Efficiency Study by a disinterested party might find savings that would cover PSE's perceived needs. Rather than using the simple and painless method (for the requester) of raising fees or taxes. Having worked in the private and public sectors, I did find unnecessary waste in the latter. Thank you for your efforts to level the playing field.</p>
	Nathaniel Tillman	E-mail	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>We find the requested increase to Puget Sound Energy rates to be egregious. The increase proposal reads as an attempt to rip off existing customers, and in turn reward shareholders with the increased revenue. As a reminder, shareholders invest in companies at their own discretion, Puget Sound Energy included.</p> <p>On the contrary, many residential customers are not afforded the choice of who they want as a utility service provider. By that logic, I do not see the argument behind passing the price of technology innovation onto a majority who use the service because there is no other option available to them.</p> <p>Likewise, the general public becomes more innovative by the year. Therefore, why should a company be allowed to take out its frustrations on the general public because they can't keep up with the innovation themselves? In summary, my family and I are against the proposed rate increases. It undermines those who work hard and pay their bills faithfully. Especially when the company they are paying the bill to is out of necessity not convenience.</p> <p>Thank you, Nathaniel Tillman Puget Sound Energy Existing Customer (Puyallup, WA.)</p>
	Thomas G Pautler, MD & Nedra A Pautler	E-mail	<p>Sirs,</p> <p>My husband and I are opposed to PSE rate changes at this time. The rates have already become formidable for homeowners with average Seattle incomes. We are retired professionals with an annual income ~\$100,000, own are home free, travel locally only and live modestly, yet PSE is increasingly difficult to afford. But, what alternative do we have? None. We are your captives.</p> <p>Utilities are a necessity of life. They should not be a license to diminish the standard of living for your customers. Consider your alternatives: scale back your proposed investments in technology, assume your depreciation expenses and don't punish customers for adopting more environmentally sound systems.</p>

			<p>The proposed increases are not in the interest of customers, the common good or the environment.</p> <p>We strongly oppose the requested changes to PSE rates.</p> <p>Thank you for taking our strong concerns in this matter seriously in your decision making.</p> <p>Sincerely, Thomas G Pautler, MD Nedra A Pautler</p>
	Alan & Maria Notch	E-mail	<p>We ask the UTC to deny PSE's request for a rate increase scheduled for May 2020 (Dockets UE-190529 & UG-190530).</p> <p>PSE is requesting a 9.3% increase in gas cost (.75132 to .82126) for customers using 64 therms/mo after just receiving a very large 38.3% increase in the cost of gas beginning 11/1/2019 (.32280 to .44639/therm).</p> <p>PSE is also requesting a 17.9% increase in the kwh charge for electricity for usage over 600 kwh (.104432 to .123075).</p> <p>PSE has a tendency to quote a low average cost increase to a customer's utility bill due to their requests, for example 6%, while inflating the cost of one or more components that make up a customer's gas and/or electrical power bill. Certain customers may or may not be affected by these component price rises. We are definitely affected by the 11/1/2019 increase in gas cost and would be again in May 2020 if the rate increase is approved..</p> <p>Arlen & Maria Notch</p>
	Lee Horton	E-mail	<p>Commissioners,</p> <p>I am writing regarding PSE's proposed rate increase for electricity/gas. The gas rate request doesn't concern me as I am on Cascade Natural Gas, but the electrical rate increase does concern me. As a senior citizen, I am on a fixed income and will receive a 1.6% increase in benefits this year, so looking at a 6.12% increase in electricity is a little concerning. PSE seems to be the highest cost energy company in the state for services and I'm sure the 6.12% they are asking for is a high bid, and they are hoping that all of their request will be approved. I am asking you to look very carefully at this proposed rate increase and scale it back or hold it where it is currently. As a senior, every increase in the cost of living is hard. It may be \$5.51 increase on a \$90 bill, but when you add up every bill that goes up \$5.00 we continue to fall behind. I don't qualify for assistance as I seem to always be just above the income threshold, so it all comes out of my pocket. Thank you for your time and the opportunity</p>

			<p>to comment.</p> <p>Sincerely, Lee Horton</p>
	Susan Milke	E-mail	<p>Dear WUTC,</p> <p>I just received the letter regarding PSE proposed rate increase. I often wonder how a "public" utility can pay their CEO \$7,599,241 in salary a year and still ask their customers for more money.</p> <p>Part of the proposed increase is for solar, battery storage and electric vehicle infrastructure. IF this is true then why has an electric car and hybrid surtax to build electric charging stations been added to the cost of registering an electric or hybrid car? Are the owners of these cars getting double taxed? Plus I doubt we would get the charging for free when we use them.</p> <p>Times are hard and people are being priced out of their homes and can't afford rent. Our homeless problem just gets worse and worse, yet the utilities and governments just keep asking for more. And the more does not reflect any better standard of living for those in Puget Sound.</p> <p>Sincerely, Susan Milke</p>
	Stephan A. Schwartz	E-mail	<p>This rate increase is yet another corporate gift to transfer costs from PSE to customers, and to offset PSE's losses as a result of the increasing use of solar.</p> <p>This should not be approved.</p> <p>-- Stephan Stephan A. Schwartz Distinguished Consulting Faculty - Saybrook University Fellow - BIAL Fundação The 8 Laws of Change • Awakening - A Novel of Aliens and Consciousness Schwartzreport. net Schwartzreport • Explore Journal Schwartzreport • Facebook Schwartzreport • Twitter Papers: Academia.edu and Researchgate Videos</p>

	Richard Timmins	E-mail	I oppose the requested increase in utility rates proposed by PSE. I am particularly incensed by PSE's rationales, including punishing consumers for using solar power and increasing the profit for the new owners of the monopoly. PSE has shown no action toward limiting the use of fossil fuels (56% of its energy sources come from fossil fuels including coal and natural gas; 0 % from solar). I urge the UTC to refuse to grant this rate increase, and to demand that PSE take urgently needed action to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels and increase solar and wind power.
	Larry Nichols	E-mail	<p>To whom it might concern,</p> <p>My spouse and I are AGAINST the proposed PSE rate increase.</p> <p>PSE can find another way to treat the shareholders to a decent rate of return than off the backs of their "customers". They create the majority of their power using fossil fuels, which only increase the costs to society in general. PSE sold themselves to an Australian bank and now PSE wants their customers to help pay off the debt. Finally, PSE wants all the customers to pony up increased rates because some customers , who have installed solar energy panels, are using less energy and costing PSE a "fair" profit. Yet PSE fails to make a substantial investment in solar energy production itself.</p> <p>This is ridiculous and a non-starter as far as we are concerned. So please, do not agree to PSE's request for one more rate increase.</p>
	Nancy Deo	E-mail	<p>I am writing to protest the proposed electric (UE-190529) and gas (UG-190530) rate hikes of 6.9 and 7.9 percent, respectively. Those hikes are much too aggressive, especially considering the disadvantaged and senior citizens.</p> <p>Please enforce a more responsible and compassionate approach to cost increases!</p> <p>Nancy Deo</p>
	Jack Mackie	E-mail	<p>January 1, 2020</p> <p>To the Commissioners, Utilities & Transportation Commission</p> <p>The 14.8% rate increase requested by Puget Sound Energy is far beyond a reasonable increase and must not be approved.</p> <p>PSE's proposal includes costs that Endbridge Gas Inc is attempting to recover following its 2018 Shelley, British Columbia, pipeline explosion - caused by Endbridge's poor management of its infrastructure. PSE openly states this in its request by noting the need to replace gas pipe beginning on November 1, 2018. The Shelley BC explosion occurred on October 9, 2018. Puget Sound homeowners should not be forced to assume this cost. It is a cost-of-doing-business that Endbridge and its shareholders alone must bear.</p> <p>The 7.1% rate increase proposed by UTC Staff, while yet open to challenge and requiring further review, is more in keeping with current financial trends across PSE's service area. This rate increase will adequately afford the funds PSE requires to continue providing its utility service. As a utility, PSE must not be allowed to become a for-profit-corporation that lauds excessive benefits onto its executives.</p>

			<p>Respectfully, Jack Mackie</p> <p>https://www.myprincegeorgenow.com/105320/the-suspected-cause-of-enbridge-pipeline-explosion-in-bc/</p>
	Don Huling	E-mail	<p>***Comment includes graph of average annual natural gas prices, see attachment for graph***</p> <p>Dear PSE, I protest the exorbitant rate increases you are seeking. A review of natural gas city delivery rates (below) shows they have been steady for the last few years so there is absolutely no basis nor justification for an increase for gas or gas fired electricity. Predicted gas prices are also not expected to increase either so there is no justification on that front either. So what is your justification? more profit? bigger dividends? higher executive bonuses?</p> <p>Don Huling</p>
	Linda Slane	E-mail	<p>I am writing to voice my objections to the PSE proposed increase in rates. I cannot believe that PSE is asking for increased rate. This is ludicrous. They get plenty of money already and I'm sure they get plenty of money from Trump's tax cuts. I am a 71 year old retired woman living on a fixed income and I already pay way too much for a 515 square foot condo that I only heat 1 room. Also the power goes out in my area (Glacier, WA) at least 5-6 times a year for 8 hours or more. Last year it went out at Christmas time and the year before it went out on Thanksgiving day around noon and it was off for approximately 2 days. Some are planned outages (at least 5-6 times a year) and they have been doing this for the past 4 years - shouldn't they have made the necessary repairs by now???</p> <p>I VOTE NO - DO NOT APPROVE PSE RATE INCREASE.</p> <p>Linda Slane</p>
	Marilyn	E-mail	<p>To whom this may concern, I received the notice from PSE and I don't understand why the electric and gas revenues need to go up. It says that it will generate 139.5M and 65.5M in revenue (I assume every year) as if it is good news to me, like I am a stock holder and all I need to obtain millions of dollars is pay \$30 a month more. The way that I see PSE now is awesome. Why would I want anything to change? Seriously, PSE would have my backing if they said that they needed to hire more people. So they need more money instead of saying that they want to get rid of people so they need more money. (You Know?) Unfortunately, I am not a stock holder. I do not want technology that leaves me talking to a computer that</p>

			<p>doesn't understand what I am saying. I get frustrated when I get sent to the main menu time and again, I need to talk to a real person. I can already pay my bill online, if not through PSE, I can do it through my bank. I am sorry that there was a loss of revenue due to solar and electric cars but that should mean that PSE needs to think about it holistically, not you/us (right?) Why do we need to pay more to keep things the way that we like it? (right?)</p> <p>This feels so hopeless. They have the power. We need the power but We don't have anyone else that I can get the power from. It doesn't seem fair to me.</p> <p>Sincerely, Marilyn</p>
	Barbara Smith	E-mail	<p>Please read the whole article "How the fracking industry plays politics in Washington". You will see why I object to any rate increase. In fact, it is time we ended this "for profit" monopoly that should be illegal.</p> <p>Barbara Smith</p>
	Robert Kenny & Julia Glover	E-mail	<p>We strongly oppose PSE's requested, average 7.7% increase in electric rates for residential customers. As usual, this increase would be more than three times as high as the rate of inflation. The UTC has regularly and consistently granted such usurious increases in rates to PSE for the past 19.5 years that we have been customers, despite record-low inflation and fairly low oil prices. Our monthly bill has increased almost 11% per year. Inflation during this period has generally been under 2%. Lower- and middle-income taxpayers, especially the elderly, suffer the most. Wages have failed to keep pace with even this low a level of inflation. We hope the UTC will start representing the public interest and say no to PSE's continually and outlandishly high and unreasonable rate-increase requests.</p> <p>Robert Kenny Julia Glover</p>
	Ernst Hutchins	Phone	<p>I think this is the wrong time to increase rates at the highest percentage that I have historical memory of. Most homeowners frankly are retired or in a situation where they can't afford more costs. The question is why are these huge increases in rates being executed today? Is it because the current unemployment rate? Because that is not about homeowners. Most home owners are senior citizens, retired, and not in the employment category. You're putting this rate increase on homeowners and I assume on apartment managers and private development, to include the new apartments that are being constructed in downtown Olympia? This rate increase is going to hurt people that can't afford to pay out more money. Have you asked the affected consumer how it will effect them? I am absolutely against this increase.</p>

	Rachel Molloy	In person	***See attachment for comments***
	Nick & Linda Bonazza	In person	***See attachment for comment***
	Warren E. Halverson	In person	***See attachment for comment***
	Barbara Ford	Mail	***See attached letter for comments***
	Roy C. Olson	Mail	***See attached letter for comment***
	Michael Prokopovich	Mail	***See attachment for customer comment***
	David C. Lindeblom	Mail	***See attached letter for comment***
	Susan and Chris Seykota-Smith	Mail	***See attached letter for comment***
	Harrell	Mail	***See attached comment***
	Dara Grotte	Mail	***See attached letter***
	Sergey Babkin	Web	<p>The proposal for raising the electric rates with the excuse of "accommodate increasing levels of residential solar, battery storage and electric vehicles" is just wrong. These expenses are incurred by the customers who want to play with the solar end electric vehicles, so they must be paid by the same people who incur them. Penalizing everyone for the whims of a few individuals is completely wrong. Instead we should institute additional surcharges and penalties on the people who install the solar batteries and car chargers to cover the costs they incur (along with the road taxes on the electric cars).</p> <p>The motivation for the gas price increase also looks strange. As the history of the natural gas prices https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/hist/n3050us3a.htm shows, yes, the price of natural gas is a little higher this year, but it's well below what it was only 5 years ago, and less than half of what it was 10 years ago. And I don't remember any retail price reductions in the recent 5 years. So this price ratcheting doesn't look well-founded either, even though not as arbitrary as electric.</p>
	Susan Roser	Web	<p>Taken by CTC</p> <p>I'm extremely concerned about the environmental impact of 350 Tacoma. PSE's building a new plant in Tacoma that will require shipment overseas of Fract gas. We cannot put corporate interests above the environment any longer. I'm against this and the rate hike and feel very strongly about it.</p>

	Mimi Boothby	Web	No rate hike for fracking it's dirty it's expensive and it's wrong.you sold me on gas because it was the clean energy. Well fracking is anything but clean. I'm ready too get rid of my gas furnace. It's wrong and I don't want to be a part of it
	Ian J McCluskey	Web	<p>CEO Kimberly Harris made \$7.6 million in compensation in 2018</p> <p>Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system.</p> <p>We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.</p> <p>This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p> <p>PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It’s inevitable that this won’t be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age.</p> <p>This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE’s part.</p> <p>In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that “PSE’s next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled,” demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn’t be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it’s economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.</p> <p>-When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.</p>
	Bob Willison	Web	It would be desirable for rate increases not to exceed the percentage increase that seniors receive in their COLA from Social Security.
	Derek Benedict	Web	We don't need new fossil fuel projects in our region. Stop this idiotic plan!
	Susan Vossler	Web	I am deeply concerned about climate change and I support moving toward clean energy, away from fracked gas. I am highly disturbed that PSE is proposing a rate increase to support the Tacoma LNG project. This is not OK!
	Rebecca M Allen	Web	<p>Unlike publicly owned energy utilities that are cheaper, cleaner, and provide more reliable service, privately held Puget Sound Energy gets more than 60% of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas. This rate hike will force continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels!</p> <p>Puget Sound Energy has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50%</p>

			<p>reduction in market gas prices.</p> <p>Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system.</p> <p>We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message. This is A) not necessary and B) completely regressive.</p>
	Pam Beal	Web	<p>PSE is building Infrastructure for liquified natural gas, a gas that leaks at every point of production and transportation and that is now primarily from fracking which is toxifying aquifers, causing proven health problems, and sending methane into the atmosphere. We cannot keep using methane if we want to stop climate change. This project should not be funded by ratepayers.</p>
	Kevin Schmidt	Web	<p>Unlike publicly owned energy utilities that are cheaper, cleaner, and provide more reliable service, privately held Puget Sound Energy gets more than 60% of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas.</p> <p>It's time that our state Utilities and Transportation Commission sides with the people and stop rubber stamping rate hikes for monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels!</p> <p>Puget Sound Energy has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. Now they're back for more.</p>
	Dr. Demian	Web	<p>PSE just got a rate hike.</p> <p>Now they want another to pay for projects outside of Washington.</p> <p>The rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure.</p> <p>Washington consumers should NOT be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available.</p> <p>Thank you. Dr. Demian</p>
	Dwayne Tebow	Web	<p>Taken by CTC</p> <p>I'd like to request the UTC not raise these rates as high as they're proposing. I'd like to kind of change the way they figure their rates. That kWh charge from 0-600 should be raised from 0-900 kWh because that's what everybody uses. The second part should be from 900 on up for the next amount there. Another thing I'd like to see is instead of using five numbers for pricing, get back to 0.08, y'know? All they're doing is making money when they add their little numbers on there. Most people don't understand that. As far as electric goes, they could raise the \$7.49 base rate to \$7.50 for each customer, and they have 3 million customers, so that's a lot of money there at one penny each. When you get to natural gas, using 64 therms is unreal. I use 130 therms per</p>

		<p>month for heating and cooking and that's it. I don't know where they get all these numbers and figures. As far as the rate, raising it to 0.82, I'd prefer they raise it to 0.80, that gives them five cents. The basic charge, they leave alone, I'd prefer they lower it. I'd like to make a request to have this electrical rate held, or at least don't go crazy. There's 25 other families in the mobile home park where I live. All these rate increases do is hit these low-income, fixed-income people like me and make life miserable. I guess we could all be homeless on the street like everybody else. This company thinking they have a right to make money, there's no such thing as a right to make money on top of normal business expenses. Like the stock market, you go buy something, there's no guarantee you're gonna make money. The way this is worded in this paper is unbelievable.</p>
	Kenneth P Johnson	<p>Web</p> <p>This is borrowed from a PSE customer who reflects my feelings exactly. This is an excerpt from his letter and I wish to also convey the same thoughts. "I looked at the justifications provided by PSE in their flyer in the December bill, and I see the following three bullets. I will write my comments as if I were talking to PSE rather than to WUTC: Technology systems such as self-service tools that can allow customers to interact with PSE at their convenience.</p> <p>My comments: What?!? Don't buy that for me, please. I would much rather talk to a person than a computer. I hate those systems. And, if they don't save money by eliminating some highly paid customer representative positions, then they are money losers, worse than worthless. Don't buy that crap for me, please. Hire people instead. What's wrong with you?!? We need more jobs for people, not more talking computers that have no brains and can't understand English. They are very frustrating.</p> <p>Accommodate increasing levels of residential solar, battery storage and electric vehicles with electric infrastructure investments, cost recovery of electric depreciation expenses.</p> <p>My comments: This stated "justification" for rate increase just tells me that you are being forced by liberal politicians to unwillingly subsidize electric vehicles, and you are passing that cost on to me. In a capitalist economy, which I would hope we still have, you should be making money from electric vehicles, not subsidizing them. After all, it is your business to sell electricity, isn't it? So, put meters on those charging stations and have the electric vehicle owners swipe a credit card to recharge. If I pay for fuel at the gas pump, electric vehicle owners should pay for electricity at charging stations. If residential solar is hurting your business rather than helping it, then don't permit it. Don't ask me to pay for your costs in accommodating solar panels. This second "justification" sounds like a really flimsy excuse at all levels. Quit letting the socialists control your business, run up your costs, and then pass those costs on to me, your good paying customer.</p> <p>Improved reliability with natural gas infrastructure investments, cost recovery of natural gas depreciation expenses. "... and provide the opportunity for shareholders to earn a fair return on their investment."</p> <p>My comments: You must realize that the same eco-socialists who are requiring you to subsidize electric vehicles</p>

are also proposing to eliminate natural gas as a fuel for heating homes. They are proposing that a ban be put in place prohibiting all new home construction from having natural gas service. So, why on earth would you be investing in natural gas infrastructure? And you know very well that “depreciation” is in your favor and does in no way require “cost recovery”. Nevertheless, the clerical costs for doing that cost recovery are minuscule compared to what you are asking for. Who are you trying to fool? In my humble opinion, the phrase I quoted above from the paragraph which is below your third bullet says it all. Your shareholders, who are mostly in Canada by the way, want rich Uncle Sam to give them a comfortable retirement at my expense. Please don't triple your dividend payout at my expense. I am retired too, and on fixed income.

All of the stated “justifications” are not only flimsy, but even if they were true they would not justify the huge requested rate increase. None of them state the real reason for the requested rate increase. Concealing that real reason from your customers, and the public, is patently dishonest. PSE is hiding something; so is WUTC.

We the people are not so dumb as to fall for the lie. Here is the truth:

Due to political pressure from Governor Inslee and the eco-socialists of Washington State, PSE was persuaded to sell, nay, I should say give away, their interest in the coal-fired Colstrip Power Plant in Montana to South Dakota-based Northwestern Energy for \$1, as if it were a pariah that needed to be disposed of quickly and quietly.

That huge coal fired power plant was the second most economical power source for Washington State, second only to the big hydroelectric dams. It was an important part of our base load generation capacity. This political act of self-depredation, while being very pleasing to the state's eco-political masters, leaves PSE with a loss of over 8% of its total generating capacity. PSE doesn't have any excess capacity to give away to begin with. This loss in generating capacity must be made up in some way. Their thinking is to replace the lost capacity with so-called “renewable” energy sources, primarily wind. That capacity replacement will take several years to accomplish, if it is accomplished at all. And the project will be very, very expensive.

This proposed rate increase is only the beginning. Many more and greater rate increases will be required before the lost generating capacity can be replaced by renewable energy resources. In the meantime, the fallback plan is to have a cash reserve available with which to buy electricity from other states during periods of very hot or very cold weather on the West Coast, when we need additional electricity for heaters or air conditioners. Else we will have blackouts like California is experiencing now. It should be noted that when our state experiences weather extremes requiring more electricity, so does California, and we will be competing with California in the free market for the purchase of that additional power.

So, by this letter I wish to protest, not only the huge rate increase, but also the reason for it, which is the awful, for political purposes only, truly awful business decision to give away PSE's interest in the Colstrip Power Plant in Montana.

California is learning an important lesson about power grid management. Mainly it is that bureaucrats and politicians cannot manage electric power grids. The politicians forced PG&E to dedicate all their operating

		<p>revenues to building windmill farms and solar farms, while neglecting power line right-of-way maintenance. So, trees grew up under the power lines and caught fire during the dry season. PG&E was sued into bankruptcy for the fires that ensued. It will inevitably become a publicly owned company. The eco-socialists took no blame whatsoever for the lost property and lost lives that they caused; it was, of course, all the private power company's fault.</p> <p>Let us, in Washington, not repeat California's mistake by letting the eco-socialists direct PSE's management to prematurely give up our coal fired, economical generating capacity, as is currently under way. Stop it now before it is too late. We do not want the rate increases, nor do we want the inevitable blackouts that will occur if we get rid of our coal fired power generation so prematurely, before any substitute power comes on line. The two proposals are joined like Siamese twins. PSE knows they cannot give up the Colstrip Power Plant without getting the rate increase. Stopping the rate increase will stop the giveaway of the Colstrip Power Plant, hopefully."</p> <p>My thanks to this gentlemen for his comments and allowing me to use them.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kenneth P Johnson - PSE customer</p>
Ian McCluskey	Web	<p>alking Points</p> <p>Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system.</p> <p>We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.</p> <p>This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p> <p>PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It's inevitable that this won't be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age.</p> <p>This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part.</p> <p>In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that "PSE's next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled," demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.</p>

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	John Wise	Web	I disagree with Puget Sound Energy's proposed rate hike. I would like to see Puget Sound Energy find ways to cut expenses before raising rates. Sincerely, John Wise
	Mary E Wieskirchen	Web	I understand that PSE has requested an increase in electricity and gas revenue and I am requesting at this time that the Commission deny this request. It makes no sense for me as a customer of PSE to pay more for a utility than what the market price. Market prices for natural gas continue to decrease not increase. Furthermore, it is time for PSE and other utilities to assure the future of reliable power sources for residents of our area. Supporting an increase in rates only encourages natural gas extraction and handling practices that undermine the health of our environment, our water and endanger our future by exacerbating climate change. Again, I beseech you to reject this rate increase request. Thank you.
	Emily Papel	Web	This rate hike, only sought to make up for the infrastructure breakdown of massive oil pipelines, is the wrong way to go about sustainability and energy support! PSE should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure. Huge rate increases like this is the wrong way to do this. This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe. Why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available? I'd also like to point out that PSE's CEO Kimberley Harris made \$7.6mil last year. If she wants to pay for this, let her cover it. PSE is a mess, and to cover it they're paying execs more. - why? PSE is also part of \$1M PR campaign to fight initiatives that curb fossil fuel use - why? Sustainability and preventing climate change should be our goal for future generations; not paying the working class less and charging them more for dangerous fracking. I vehemently oppose this proposition. Find a better, cleaner way and maybe I'll support that.
	Owen Bunstine	Web	Please vote NO to PSE's request to raise our rates. They are already making BILLIONS from it's customers. I already pay over \$500 a month for utilities, how much more can I afford???
	Griffin	Web	I am writing today to as you not to approve the rate increase for Puget Sound Energy. Now is the time to invest in clean energy, not more fossil fuel infrastructure. I oppose the building of the LNG facility in Tacoma and I also disagree with the rate increases that would come along with it. These are harmful to our communities, our world, and flatly breach treaties and indigenous rights. It would be reckless to allow an evil foreign corporation to manipulate Washington consumers and make us even vulnerable to disaster. Thank you for rejecting the

			request made by PSE. P.S. How is it possible that the LNG facility began construction without all the necessary permits? Outrageous.
	Jenisha Rivera	Web	I am completely against the cost rate spike for electricity. As a low middle class family, we can barely afford bit as it is. Whatthey are proposing will cause people who can't pay to live without electricity. How will we stay warm in the winter? These are people, families with children!!!! They are proposing to hike the costs to fill their pockets and ignoring the fact that there are stso people many people struggling to live as it is. How in the world had it come to this?
	Stacy M Sheets	Web	<p>A stagnant cost of living per the feds. Natural gas on open market @ record lows. Schedule 23 basic charge of \$11.52 per mo. PSE's merger credit paid by a privately, foreign owned pension fund, 3 county wide gas monopoly, is now a fee of .06 per mo. (in my mind, that is not a credit)</p> <p>PSE CEO annual salary \$7.6 million (Compare with Seattle City Light CEO salary of \$340,000). PSE CFO \$2.4 million, CAO \$1.49 million, VP general council \$1.82 million, VP Operations \$1.36 million.</p> <p>Yet PSE has the gall to request a 13.21% increase on my schedule 23 residential bill. I, being one of an estimated 750,000 gas customers.</p> <p>I understand the high cost of maintaining & if needed, replacing cathodicly protected steel mains & services in municipalities. Has PSE's income increased from all the new residential developments that have been added to PSE's massive growth spurt? Has PSE kept up with field employees per 1,000 customers? If safety is a priority, than having a work force in the field to prevent tragedies from occurring could justify such a rate increase.</p> <p>These questions need to be addressed prior to such an extreme rate increase. With all due respect, Stacy M. Sheets, Seattle PSE gas costumer</p>
	Jim Loring	Web	<p>Public Comment: PSE Rate Case, dockets UE-190529 (electric) and UG-190530 (gas)</p> <p>Puget Sound Energy's current request for increases in natural gas and electric service should be denied.</p> <p>PSE's request for an overall 7.9% increase in Natural Gas Service - generating an additional \$65.5 million in revenue to the company – is not justified. Spot prices in natural gas for the past several years have been stable (https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/hist/rngwhhdM.htm). Technological innovations such as fracking have reduced the long-term costs associated with assuring constant supplies. The PSE offers no additional conservation and/or environmental protection measures. Their request has not been adequately justified and should be rejected.</p> <p>Puget Sound Energy makes a similar unsupported request in its overall 6.9 increase in Electric Service, designed to generating an additional \$139.5 million in revenue. PSE customers already have some of the highest electricity rates in the state. The company is building unnecessary infrastructure such as Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG facility in order to raise rates and increase profits – contradicting the Commission's guidance that PSE adopt grid modernization - "smat grid" strategies – such as energy storage (batteries), etc.</p>

			<p>I respectfully request that the WUTC reject PSE's rate adjustments and direct the company to adopt more a more forward-thinking approach to energy distribution.</p> <p>Regards – Jim Loring</p>
	Ana Lia Barragan	Web	<p>I believe energy should come from green sources and not from fracked gas or coal. Large energy companies should be part of the solution, investing in renewable energy and innovating be cleaner and cheaper. It is a shame that PSE wants more money to keep the 'old ways' and have a negative impact in the environment.</p>
	Dolores Friday	Web	<p>These rate increases are too severe.</p>
	Jim Bernthal	Web	<p>I am a customer of PSE in Seattle (gas service), and I am writing to adamantly oppose the rate increases for gas and electricity being proposed by PSE. In the biggest picture, I am appalled to know that already our energy bills, even before these steep rate increases, are being used to continue to prop up fossil fuel industries, even in the face of climate emergency. This is the opposite from the direction PSE, and our entire energy sector should be going. Instead I want them to quickly transition to entirely clean, sustainable energy sources, ie, wind and solar power. If they won't do that (and they show no serious intention of doing so), I want to replace them with a public utility for gas and electricity for our region.</p> <p>Here are a number of my more specific comments about the issues of the how PSE, our private gas and electric monopoly utility, is doing business in totally unacceptable ways:</p> <p>Unlike publicly owned energy utilities that are cheaper, cleaner, and provide more reliable service, privately held Puget Sound Energy gets more than 60% of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas.</p> <p>It's time that you, our state Utilities and Transportation Commission, side with the people who are their customers, and stop rubber stamping rate hikes for monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels. PSE has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, 2019, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. Now they're back for more.</p> <p>Every study on how to meet our Washington State and national climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system.</p> <p>We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.</p> <p>This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p> <p>PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It's</p>

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	Don Hamell	<p>Web</p> <p>Comment taken over the phone by UTC employee John T.</p> <p>I don't feel that I should have to be subsidizing electric cars and solar panels. I can't afford electric cars and I can't afford solar panels, but I'm being asked to subsidize the people that can. It is my opinion that they should pay for it, they should pay the cost not me.</p>
	Christopher Eastland	<p>Web</p> <p>The rate hikes that PSE is proposing for Natural Gas will result in unreasonable and unfair damage to consumers - paying too much for a commodity that is seeing falling market prices; expanding fracking that contaminates water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies; creating severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries; leading to habitat loss and deforestation; violating indigenous rights/Treaties; and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences. I do not want my money supporting the development and expansion of infrastructure that will benefit a few stakeholders (like the CEO of PSE, shareholders and lobbyists) at the expense of many. Please reject this proposal.</p>

Sarah Shifley	Web	<p>Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system. This rate hike is being proposed because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p> <p>By approving this proposed rate increase, the UTC is complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.</p> <p>Please, please say NO!</p>
Stacy Oaks	Web	<p>It is ridiculous to continue increasing rates for a company that: compensated their CEO \$7.6Million in 2018, spends millions on PR to greenwash methane gas a climate solution, spends money to defeat local initiatives aimed at transitioning away from fossil fuels, has not compensated the Greenwood neighborhood for the damage caused by their 2016 leak turned explosion. This company engaged in criminal behavior by building the Tacoma LNG refinery and storage tank without consulting with the Puyallup Tribe, their legal Treaty right, and beginning construction before permits were granted. It is unacceptable to force ratepaying residential customers to be an accomplice to this behavior. This project will also not carry much insurance and is being pursued under a shell company allowing PSE to walk away from liabilities if/when there is an accident at the plant or a natural disaster causes an explosion in that dense urban area. On a monetary side, the Tacoma LNG is barely for residential use, if at all, with a main purpose of selling the LNG as maritime fuel for a profit--we should not be paying for that project at all, it feels like fraud. On top of that, last September the International Maritime Organization released findings of a study they conducted concerning LNG as a climate solution for shipping that clearly stated "LNG is not a climate solution" and further went on to state that building LNG infrastructure/vessels would likely end up as stranded assets. These rate increases are not necessary, please deny them.</p>
Spencer Riddering	Web	
SHAMITHA SRIDHARAN	Web	<p>I do not think PSE should be allowed a rate increase. They are using outdated technology. We lose power all the time. I would like to see PSE listen to their consumers and come up with more eco friendly alternatives to improve reliability. They do not deserve a rate increase for their substandard service.</p>
Don Meno	Web	<p>Washington State is a leader in addressing climate change. A major aspect of that is controlling and reducing carbon emissions. PSE's request for 6.9% in electricity revenue and 7.9% in additional natural gas revenue must be restrained. PSE's request supports fracked gas infrastructure and continued extraction. We already know the deleterious effects of contaminated water tables and decreasing freshwater supplies, severe health consequences</p>

		<p>for communities near fracking sites and refineries, wildlife habitat loss and deforestation. We cannot be complicit in approving just one more request. Stop this for-profit privately held company from continuing its practice of providing most of its energy from dirty fossil fuels. PSE's political spending reflects the importance of the requested rate hikes to its shareholders -- from 2016 to 2018, it spent over \$1.7M on lobbyists in Olympia, sponsors many events to influence the public and is part of a \$1M campaign to fight initiatives that curb fossil fuel use according to internal industry documents obtain by the Seattle Times. PSE's effort pays off -- shareholders' guaranteed ROI is approximately 10% and CEO K. Harris made \$7.6M in 2018 compensation. Every credible study to meet climate goals for Washington State and the nation requires phasing out fracked gas. Washington must show the example of intelligent and progressive solutions to address climate change. Do not continue to take us down the same path -- have the courage to move us in a new direction. Do not approve PSE's request for rate hikes for electricity and gas.</p>
	Rimbos Peter	<p>Web</p> <p>UTC,</p> <p>Privately held Puget Sound Energy (PSE) gets more than 60% of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas--unlike publicly owned energy utilities that are cheaper, cleaner, and provide more reliable service. The UTC must stop rubber-stamping rate hikes for monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels. PSE already has raised its fracked gas rates by 14.1% on 11/1/19, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas. We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.</p> <p>This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p> <p>I am concerned about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE’s part. In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that “PSE’s next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled,” demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn’t be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it’s economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.</p> <p>When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific</p>

			<p>consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
	Logan Rysemus	Web	<p>We should not allowing a private cooperation to continue using energy methods that are harming not only our environment, but our communities, family, and their own staff. Washington should not allow for PSE to charge higher rates for energy consumption because they continue to be unable to manage their own infrastructure resulting in continued environmental disasters.</p>
	Phyllis Farrell	Web	<p>The proposed rate hike gouges consumers and supports the company's investments in fossil fuel energy production, storage, transport and use. Specifically, as a rate payer I am opposed to the Tacoma LNG project violating treaty rights, jeopardizing public health and safety, and negatively impacting the environment by the extraction and use of "natural" (it's not natural!) gas contributing to greenhouse gas emissions causing climate disruptions. I am absolutely opposed to this rate hike which is not to the benefit of ratepayers.</p>
	Alana Riddall	Web	<p>I am a senior citizen on a fixed income, and the usage rates for PSE have increased every month, which is unfair to those with a fixed income. I would like to see special rates for senior citizens and/or disabled citizens. The company should not be able to increase rates on these citizens. I would also like for PSE to manually read meters every month, none of these estimated bills where the company can charge what they want.</p>
	Grace A Byrd	Web	<p>I do not support any rate increases as I face rate increases by Puget Sound Energy every single year and it is not fair to consumers such as myself. This is my right to speak against this rate increases. I am the sole bill payer of my household. I object the rate increases by Puget Sound Energy.</p>
	Sarah	Web	<p>This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p>
	Derek Dexheimer	Web	<p>Fracked gas must be eliminated, not encouraged. PSE's reliance on dirty fossil fuels, and expecting the public to pad their profits, is unacceptable. Its CEO Kimberly Harris made \$7.6 million in compensation in 2018. Shareholders are guaranteed 10% returns. It has given over \$650 million to candidates across the state. PSE is a conduit for ratepayer money to go to two Canadian companies.</p> <p>PSE does not need ratepayer money. Gas prices have fallen 50% and they just had a 14% increased approved in November. All rate increases must be denied.</p>
	Robert Maurus	Web	<p>PSE just recently had a rate increase. They are an irresponsible utility. Using coal and lng.</p>
	Nicole davis	Web	<p>As a lifetime washingtonian I believe we should be working towards greener energy resources hence our name the evergreen state, this company which isnt even a Washington owned company has already increased rates the amount of money they make off the hard workers of Washington is ridiculous...when will it stop, when will people come before money?!</p>

	Curran Filer	Web	I am commenting on the proposed rate change by PSE (UG-190530). I am absolutely in favor of investments to increase the reliability of natural gas infrastructure. But, when PSE says they want to invest in self-service customer service technology, I am worried that I am being asked to fund projects to lower their staffing and put people out of work. Self-service customer service tools are great, but aren't a replacement for human customer service. These investments should be added to current staffing, not replacing it. Being forced to use automated tools when I don't want to is a huge pain, made even worse if I have to pay extra for it. And, as always, the cost of these investments needs to be closely monitored so that customers aren't paying for cost overruns and poor project management.
	Colleen Hinton	Web	I strongly oppose the rate hike proposed by PSE. Consumers should not have to pay for a privately owned company's mistakes, gas leaks and explosions. We need a public utility to replace PSE and immediately transition from fossil fuels and fracked gas.
	Sarah Richards	Web	Please deny PSE's request for gas and electric rate hikes should be denied. The public should not be shouldering PSE's financial investments in gas infrastructure that is against the public good. While we as individuals, as well as cities and counties are trying to convert away from harmful pipeline gas to clean electricity, PSE is working to expand their pipeline gas capacity. Pipeline gas, which is mostly methane, or "natural" gas, is a harmful greenhouse gas. Methane is tens of times more powerful than CO2 as far as damage to the climate. As we the public are forced to pay more and more for climate-based weather disasters, PSE is planning their profits to increase the damage to the climate. At the same time, they want to have is pay for it. I strongly object and I hope that you will deny their request for rate increases. We have no competing alternative supplier, and thus rely on you to protect our interests. Thank you.
	Michael Hansen	Web	Taken by CTC Our wonderful president gave everybody in the corporate world this big god damn nice huge tax relief. Wonderful things for all the big businesses and corporations. I guess y'all needed a life saver. Then you come around and deal with the people. He takes everybody off food stamps, cuts back social security, and here we are. Then he brags about the billions and trillions coming back into the country and how wealthy we are. The rhetoric. All I see is number manipulation, just like you folks. You play with the numbers to make your point. They're trying to get people paid \$15 an hour. You count my social security, it's not even close. If you're putting an increase on this little well purse, sorry draw strings are broke on this one and there's a hole in the bottom of the bag and it seems to be going into the pocket of the corporate. I've taken advantage of for three years of community services and church people to pay my bills and keep me alive. I live out of the food bank and I still have to make my life function on what I have in my pocket. I'm disabled also, and unemployable. I'm not the only one out here with this situation. You can think this economy is busting and going great guns. It might be for you folks, but it isn't for the people out here living life on the real line. Not out of your office on the 50th floor. Get down to the real life. You get this shit for free. The taxes pay for your damn hydroelectric systems and dams. Mother nature gives you the rain for free, and you charge me this god damn money so you can pay your investors and your board and this and that. You can juggle numbers all you want. The reality is the bragging and the BS doesn't match the economic situation, so get real. We have to work in our budget, you work in yours.

			And quit bleeding us dry. My last of my comments: At my age, I've grown up cooking on a wood stove, reading by kerosene lamp. I did that up until I was a teenager and got to move into a town instead of on the farm. So if you think electricity determines whether I live or die in this fucking "idiesque" (sic) world, I don't need you at all. You're a convenience that I do enjoy, absolutely. I'm just angry. Everybody says it's always so damn good, then they turn around and take away your food stamps and take your medical. Tell me what's right about this, son.
	Renaë	Web	Please stop increasing the rates!! The average person cannot afford these increases. What will PSE do when more people start defaulting on their payments because of the RIDICULOUS increase in cost?? This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available? Also, the onus should be on PSE. What kind of horrible company ignores fault and pushes it onto the consumer? How in GOOD CONSCIENCE can someone agree to this? Please, PLEASE help us. Please
	Glen Jewell	Web	I believe the rate increase for gas and electricity that PSE is proposing is way above the inflation rate and I strongly oppose this increase. It will also put a burden on the elderly and retired with a fixed income. I agree PSE needs a rate increase but nothing like they want. Also the cost for natural gas is the lowest it has ever been.
	Linda Hudson	Web	Already raised rates for natural gas and they are too high. Docket UG-190530
	Christoph Ponath	Web	Puget Sound Energy is asking for a rate hike while it is aggressively investing in controversial fossil fuel projects (see Tacoma LNG plant) and spending millions of dollars fighting regulation to reduce carbon emissions. I vehemently oppose any rate hikes for Puget Sound Energy as the company continues to prioritize investments in a technology that is turning into a huge liability not only for the company but also for its ratepayers, our communities, and for our planet.
	Sarah A Jones	Web	I want to express my dismay that PSE wants to raise their rates again. This is not appropriate, especially considering the profit gained by PSE. It is dismal that nlike publicly owned energy utilities that are cheaper, cleaner, and provide more reliable service, privately held Puget Sound Energy gets more than 60% of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas. It's time that our state Utilities and Transportation Commission sides with the people and stop rubber stamping rate hikes for monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels!
	Stephan Classen	Web	Why are we getting a rate hike for customers, when it's all for fossil fuels or natural gas? Why is PSE not instead investing in more renewables, when they already have the renewable option for extra costs on customers' bills? We do NOT need more fracking in the state, and this is not ok to keep charging more for customers, it is not fair, nor equitable, to the people! It's time that our state Utilities and Transportation Commission sides with the people and stop rubber stamping

			<p>rate hikes for monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels!</p> <p>Puget Sound Energy has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. This is not ok!!! If we want to meet our climate goals as a state, then no more FRACKING!</p> <p>This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project.</p> <p>They do not need more money, they need to invest in our future as a state working company, to ensure our climate goals and climate actions are met!!</p>
	Lisa Larson	Web	<p>No company should be able to make customers pay more via increased rates to pay "service debt expenses and provide the opportunity for shareholders to earn a fair return on their investment."</p> <p>I am a single mother of 2 barely able to pay my bills because of the high rent, utility bills, taxes, and more. The last thing many PSE customers need to be paying for is already wealthy investors.</p>
	Dee Mulford	Web	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Dee and Bob Mulford 12733 SE 86th Place Newcastle WA 98056</p>
	David C Weaver	Web	<p>Regulators should be asking PSE what they propose to do to cut their operating costs to mitigate any rate increases. It seems that every time PSE asks for a rate increase, the only thing that gets attention is what will be</p>

			<p>the final %. My guess is PSE always enters an amount larger than needed to allow regulators to approve a lower amount which PSE would have been happy with from the beginning and the regulators can say they didn't approve the higher amount. Private industry does not have the luxury to raise rates every time their costs increase or they must make a capital investment. They have competition to consider. Unfortunately, with a monopoly, there is no need to consider the competition. Tightening the belt by looking at all phases of the operation should be mandatory before any cost increase is approved. It's a good bet that their staff and administration is bloated. When was the last time they had a significant round of staff cuts? Ever? It is always easier and less painful to put the increased costs of operation onto the backs of the rate payers, after all, it's only a few bucks a month more and they are unlikely to complain very loudly.</p>
	Damon S. Cali	Web	<p>Re: Dockets UE-190529 (electric service) and UG-190530 (natural gas service)</p> <p>I am opposed to PSE's proposed rate hikes. An overall 6.9 percent increase for electric service and an overall 7.9 percent increase for natural gas service both far exceed consumers and workers own raises or cost of living increases.</p>
	Eileen J Halverson	Web	<p>My residence is in Greenwater, a winter climate which depends on considerable electrical use this time of year. The current usage charge has escalated every yr averaging 3-4% for electricity. Not the case for n. gas. which we do not have access to in this area. I oppose this astounding 7.7% proposed rate increase for residential customers. PSE has increased rates to cover "improvements" annually. No one has income increases to match the continuous additional charges this utility requests every yr, in particular to provide generous return to PSE shareholders as noted in the June 20, 2019 filing. I request UTC deny this excess increase.</p> <p>Eileen Halverson</p>
	Pete Stoppani	Web	<p>Puget Sound Energy gets more than 60% of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas. Supporting PSE in any way, like rate increases, is intolerable until they switch to at least 80% clean energy. Any rate hikes must be conditional on converting to clean energy.</p>
	Trudy Stuart	Web	<p>Taken by CTC</p> <p>I trust the commission realizes, and is aware, that this is an investor-driven utility. It's just continuous. It's not that I blame them, because they want a return on their money, but it's too excessive. It's just continuously that we get these increases. I think they believe if they are a nuisance, they will get an increase like the Chinese water drip charger. I trust the commission understands this much more than I do and act accordingly.</p>
	Katherine Conroy	Web	<p>I am opposed to a rate hike for a project that does not serve the best interests of the people and that goes towards paying investors. There are many, many more green energy assets in WA other than fracked LNG.</p>
	Shannon Marie Carpenter	Web	<p>We should be divesting from fossil fuels and fracking as a source for energy. And NO to rate hikes meant for shareholder profits. PSE made poor investments in irresponsible projects. That SHOULD be felt be shareholders. The Dept. of Energy has appropriated funds for renewable energy projects. PSE needs to come</p>

			clean, cut their losses on dirty projects, and pivot towards renewable energy alternatives. There is NO MORE TIME to waste.
	Frank Hudik	Web	<p>Our Dec 2019 residential service ("7") bill included information relevant to the proposed rate increase that we believe to be misleading as follows:</p> <p>The sample rate increase portrays a 900 KWH service as "typical". This service is biased since 2/3 of this specific 900 KWH uses the lowest rate (< 600KWH) and 1/3 the higher rate (>600 KWH). The Percent Change column is void of entry for <600 KWH rate or >600 KWH rate, only the Total Average rate increase 6.12% for the 900 KWH case. The consumer would actually experience a percent increase of .123075/.104432 or 17.8518 % for the 300 KWH charged at the higher rate. Bottom line for my service: Based on my current bill (Dec 2019) this irate change would result in a charge of 2869 KWH x .123075 = \$353.10, an increase of \$37.67 for only one cold-weather month. As a recent retiree, this is substantial. We may have supported a reasonable rate increase but this is too much and misleading nonetheless. -Frank and Heidi Hudik</p>
	Ray Urstad	Web	I understand the proposal. I don't think it is fair for the elderly or those living on a fixed income. The elderly are not out there working everyday, they are living on a fixed income. They should give senior citizens a discount like some of the big box stores give military or seniors 10 percent on their purchases. The company should take this into consideration when purposing rate increases.
	Melissa Hollenbeck	Web	2 cents here, 1 cent there and a total of 6.9% increase in power charges overall is not acceptable. We are taxed to death already and PSE rates have always been higher then anywhere I have ever lived for the same size house. Investment in systems such as a APP to interact with customers actually streamlines and saves money for PSE. Solar, battery storage, and electric vehicles are a choice a customer makes not one that all public can afford to even have or buy. Those green energy costs are now costing customers more money, then the utility is saving. I don't care what the company's rate of return on investment is when it's MY BILL that's increasing. If you have debt in your company then perhaps you need to downsize like all other major corporations are having to do. The solution to this is to cut spending (ie those golden corporate parachutes) and cut the costs, not to bilk J Q public more money. The 21% corporate tax rate should of helped but instead you all want more. The government requirements that you must meet BPA conditions is also not the customers issue. We are NOT getting a 6.9 percent wage increase and that 2 cents is a lot for most people. Not that you will even read this or do anything but what PSE wants. As always the customers get screwed because the commission is not going to do a damn thing to get them to control their own costs of doing business.
	JohnPrice	Web	I am not in favor of a rate increase to electric and natural gas service. We are on a tight monthly budget and the cost of living in the area is already extremely high. Property tax, sound transit tax on vehicle registration, one of the highest gasoline taxes in the country all make it difficult to make ends meet. Increasing PSE rates by 7-8% is way too high and puts an increased burden on the tax paying base. Do not increase our rates
	Joyce Mercuri	Web	I am strongly against PSE's proposed rate increases to increase their profits. The reduced amount recommended by staff is better, but I still believe that they should not be raising their prices at all. They have thousands of captive customers and zero competition, and their market increases in size daily due to all the development we

			have been experiencing. They do not need additional profits and investors. Utilities should be for the people they serve, not for squeezing profits out of people for corporate profits and dividends. Please help keep costs down for citizens in PSE's service area!
	Fred Romano	Web	Don't want rate increase to go toward carbon energy, especially fracking. Invest in renewables!
	candace smith	Web	PSE's proposed ROR and ROE seem excessive. Their sale of part of their ownership in the Colstrip plant does nothing to help climate change, just pushes the coal use off to someone else. These plants need much renovation and should instead be on a planned shutdown schedule. PSE needs to move rapidly to 100% renewables. Their future liability for contributing to the climate crisis by their reliance on coal will be a burden all of us ratepayers will have to face.
	Carol Strommer	Web	<p>Comment taken over the phone by UTC employee John T.</p> <p>My power bill electric is about \$5 higher than it was last year for the same power. My objection to this is an article in the paper, the Seattle Times, on 12/11/19, PSE has sell for \$1 sale to Northwestern Energy on Colstrip Plant #4. If they can sell for \$1, they don't need to hit the rate payers to pay for this. So I'm objecting to their latest request for changes in PSE rates. Also, the fact that their return on investment is about 7% or so, our living costs are not going up that fast. We don't need to provide an interest increase of that amount. I'm opposed to them changing the rates at all. Some of these things that they are doing is an expense for them just having a business not passing it on to the public. The biggest point is, they don't need money if they can sell things for a dollar that they've certain and then expect the taxpayers to pay for an increase in fees.</p>
	John Williams	Web	<p>PSE June 20, 2019 rate increase request:</p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is John Williams and I oppose this requested rate increase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSE is asking the UTC to approve an additional 6.9% in electricity revenue, and a whopping 7.9% in additional natural gas revenue, after raising gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. • Unlike publicly owned energy utilities, privately held Puget Sound Energy gets more than 60% of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas and are only now reluctantly getting off coal. • To meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas. PSE is not doing that and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message. • This rate hike is because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available? • CEO Kimberly Harris made \$7.6 million in compensation in 2018 • according to Sightline, over the last 10 years, PSE's total political spending in Washington has been \$7 million (compared to \$2 million from Amazon).

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSE is part of \$1M PR campaign to fight any initiatives that curb fossil fuel • From 2016 to 2018, PSE spent over \$1,742,000 on lobbyists in Olympia. That's almost \$400,000 more than Amazon spent on lobbying during the same period. • As stated in your own information sheet, this increase is for shareholders profits. • To me it appears that me PSE is being used as revenue stream for Canadian Retirement Funds. They are milking this cash cow until it dies without putting any thought into its part in the future. • Why should we as ratepayers be expected to pay for their poor management? • If they need to cover these increased costs, they should be reducing their payments to shareholders and salaries to executive and not asking ratepayers to cover the loss. • I urge the UTC to reject this requested rate increase. <p>THANK YOU</p>
	Janice L Taylor	Web	<p>PSE's proposed natural gas increase of 7.9% far exceeds Seattle-area's increase in wages and salaries of 2.4% for the fiscal year ending 09/31/19. (https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/news-release/employmentcostindex_seattle.htm) Consumers cannot keep up with corporate greed. Add this to a 6% increase by Seattle City Light, a 6% utility tax by certain cities, similar increases by water and sewer companies. Small wonder the area is unaffordable.</p>
	Irene Svete	Web	<p>Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system. For that reason, we should be working to dismantling fracked gas infrastructure not adding to it. UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.</p> <p>This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure; why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p> <p>Those of us old enough to remember the Washington Public Power Supply System default (best characterized as “WHOOOPS”) abhor the idea of seeing Washington ratepayers stuck paying for another expensive boondoggle.</p> <p>In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that “PSE’s next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled,” demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn’t be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it’s economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.</p> <p>PSE has invested heavily to maintain its political clout and discourage alternatives in our state Over the last 10 years, according to Sightline, PSE’s total political spending in Washington looks more like \$7 million (compared to \$2 million from Amazon). That money is donated to candidates, spent on lobbying, and used to fund special interest PACs like the one it’s supporting this year in Seattle.</p> <p>In 2012, for example, there was a ballot measure to switch Thurston County, where Olympia is located, from relying on PSE to being served by a publicly owned utility. It turned into the most expensive election in Thurston County history. PSE spent more than \$400,000 against the measure, which ultimately wasn’t approved by voters.</p>

			<p>For these and other reasons, I urge you to reject PSE's request for an additional 6.9% in electricity revenue, and a whopping 7.9% in additional natural gas revenue.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
	Ilya Bukshteyn	Web	<p>PSE's request for a rate hike on both gas and electricity in order to fund expansion of their gas based energy infrastructure is contrary to the public good and should be denied. PSE currently has the highest carbon footprint of any electricity provider in our state and plans to replace its coal based power generation with gas based generation. Other utilities in our state provide more reliable energy and do so in a socially responsible manner with a lower GHG output. I ask you to deny their rate hike request.</p>
	Summert Takahashi	Web	<p>Puget Sound Energy is asking for another rate increase in order to pay for the LNG plant they built in port of Tacoma. I was totally against this being built because of climate change. You can just look around you and know the devastation is happening with the wind storms and flooding here in our region. The earthquakes and the fires all over the globe and the two gas leaks in Seattle and people that were hurt from methane gas exploding. We have over 1700 methane vents under the ocean in the Pacific NW region which could cause a tsunami if we had a giant earthquake. Having the LNG plant fracking for gas and adding more methane to the atmosphere could cause a catastrophe in this area and not to mention the global warming it causes for years to come. Stop the greediness of PSE.</p>
	Steven Gary	Web	<p>I do not support PSE's rate hike proposal for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *PSE is the company building the controversial Tacoma LNG fracked gas refinery and storage project. Although less than 2% of this infrastructure is designed for their residential customers as backup power on the coldest days of the year, PSE expects to pass on over 40% of the construction costs in the form of higher utility rates. *PSE chooses to get over 60% of their energy from fossil fuels and according to their most recent 20-year plan, want to expand "natural gas" infrastructure while ignoring the potential of solar, wind and grid optimization. "Natural gas" is really just methane gas, a potent heat-trapping greenhouse gas, mostly sourced from fracking--which causes severe health complications, groundwater contamination, earthquakes near extraction sites and is often located near or on indigenous land. In contrast, Snohomish County PUD only gets about 2% from fossil fuel sources. *PSE is holding back local clean energy initiatives. As part of the newly formed group "Partners for Energy Progress" PSE plans to launch a \$1M campaign in the PNW to push back against any local initiatives designed at transitioning away from fossil fuels, such as banning gas hookups in new infrastructure. According to Sightline Institute, between 2008 & 2018, PSE spent about \$7 million in WA, funding political candidates, PAC's and lobbying

	Heidi Brantzeg	Web	<p>I believe that before this monopoly gets higher rate approval they need to be accountable to their customers. Every year PSE encourages their customers to switch to energy smart appliances and light bulbs, they report customers are reducing their energy/gas consumption. I know I am and have the usage data to back it up. Yet PSE continually increases their rates, obviously not to cover the cost of the reduced energy usage so I can only guess that it's to cover higher management salaries. The 6.9% and 7.9% requested increases are far greater than cost of living increases for this area.</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>
	Ruslan Sorochuk	Web	<p>Docket UG-190529</p> <p>The company trying to increase rates, both gas and electricity. I am not in favor for that, because I don't see a good reason for them to do that. The only maintenance, other than routine things they did were replacing meter boxes, with meters, and there were no specific failures or issues with the devices there were installed already. I am already paying almost \$200 monthly while trying to use minimum heat in my house, and only use electric EnergyStart rated radiator heater in my baby's room.. while the whole house stays much colder. They want people to start using firewood stoves or something? The current charges should be going down, not up. The electric meters that they upgraded to to unitize new broadcasting; A lot of people were protesting against that according to this site https://stopsmartmeters.org/defend-your-analog-meter-main-index/ Also, I never signed up for smart-meter swap that they did last year, and never consented to that.</p>
	Nancy Hausauer	Web	<p>Dear UTC,</p> <p>I am writing to express my extreme dismay that Puget Sound Energy is having the gall to ask for yet another rate hike. I am asking ask you to deny it.</p> <p>As you know, PSE already raised their gas rates by 14.1% just last November--despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. I am a ratepayer, and I consider it an insult. Apparently they think we, the ratepayers, are just little inconsequential nothings that they can push around and squeeze for more and more money, while they are raking it in. The UTC should stand up for citizens!</p> <p>Washington shouldn't even be supporting gas as an energy source. It is dirty and dangerous, for example the huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia, and the two major gas leaks in Seattle last year. The UTC approving big rate increases is going the wrong direction and sends the wrong message.</p>

			<p>As a Tacoman, I am particularly angry about the LNG facility in Tacoma. It will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet we will pay for more than 40% of the project. PSE pushed this project down our throats, beginning the building of it before crucial permits were even granted. That they were so sure that the permits were already in the bag smells of corruption to me. Have you looked into this, and if not, why not?</p> <p>Global scientific consensus says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences. How is this message not getting through to people with the power to make a difference? We should be putting our money into clean energy sources, not supporting dirty, dangerous, unhealthy gas--especially not fracked. I hope you will protect the interests of the people of Washington State--not the interests of the primarily Canadian shareholders of PSE. You should have OUR backs, not theirs!</p> <p>NO TO ANOTHER RATE HIKES FOR GREEDY, AMORAL PSE!</p> <p>Sincerely, Nancy Hausauer Tacoma, Washington</p>
	Matthew Aaron Foster	Web	<p>I am not in favor of your 17% increase in tier 2 electricity consumption. I honestly don't understand your reasoning. Is sounds like a lot of "hoey." Get rid of the self service tools and programmers. I don't need it. Send me a paper bill.</p> <p>You can start by cutting the sociopathic compensation of your C-level staff. That is something like 9 Million a year? Surely you don't honestly want me to believe 6 people do 9+ million USD worth of work a year? You're joking. This is a public utility, not a for-profit company.</p> <p>You've got a "Trillion-Dollar" company across the sound that pays nearly nothing in taxes. Our electricity should nearly be free. You don't honestly think that with my high tax rates I would be ok with your adding costs to my life. I already pay nearly 2k a year in school bonds and I have no kids, nor did I use this education system.</p> <p>Lastly, I'm charged bi-monthly because YOU are too cheap to send someone out to read my meter. YOUR system is too weak to read my meter monthly. WHY do you deserve anymore of my money? Also, because of the bi-monthly billing, I didn't get my notice of the meetings UNTIL THEY PASSED.</p>
	Larry Owens	Web	

	Darlene Milne	Web	Since I was 'out of power' for varying lengths of time for the first 4 days of 2020, NO, I am NOT in favor of a rate increase for the reasons given until the issues in my neighborhood are corrected!!!! PUT THE POWER LINES UNDERGROUND IN HIGH RISK AREAS!!!!!!!! SERIOUSLY!!! I WILL HELP DIG THE TRENCH!!!!
	Jared Howe	Web	<p>Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system.</p> <p>We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.</p> <p>This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p> <p>PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It's inevitable that this won't be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age.</p> <p>This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part.</p> <p>In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that “PSE's next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled,” demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.</p> <p>When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.</p>
	Bruce bowman	Web	<p>Need to GWU fossil fuels in the ground. Invest in green technologies and programs to support customers to reduce use of fossil fuels, insulation programs, efficient home products, heat pumps, etc.</p> <p>Fracking is not the solution.</p>
	Jim Purkerson	Web	The cost of living is around 3%. Why are you raising it 6-7&1/2%!!! Get off those shovels and standing around and use our dollars correctly!

			Thank You
	Steven Gary	Web	<p>Puget sound energy customers are paying a disproportional amount for the frac gas infrastructure for which they do not benefit. Fracked gas contributes to global warming.</p> <p>Puget sound energy has a conflict of interest with its shareholders rewarded for fossil fuel investment and it's retirement compensation package has heavily invested in fossil fuels.</p> <p>I would like to see Puget sound energy invest more heavily into renewables and conservation programs that limit the use of fossil fuels that contribute to climate change.</p>
	Jennifer Jaeger	Web	<p>PSE, a for-profit gas and electric utility provider, raised rates by 14% just months ago and now PSE wants to raise rates again to pay for building the controversial Tacoma LNG project. Although less than 2% of this infrastructure is designed for residential customers, PSE plans to pass on 43% of the construction costs in the form of higher utility rates. That's neither fair to residential users, nor is it a good investment -- fossil fuels are not the right direction for future investment.</p>
	James Symmonds	Web	<p>As a retiree I am very concerned about the rate increase for gas and electric. I have electric and it is interrupted many times because of the weather during the winter months without compensation for lost service. In general, the electric bill is high along with other services such as water and sewage. When does it all end?</p>
	Amiratul Swaney	Web	<p>Please do not approve PSE's request to increase utility rates for consumers. 6.12% and 7.52% increase on electric and natural gas services respectively is way too much, and I don't buy the reasons PSE gave for the rate increase.</p>
	Karen Nelson	Web	
	Ashok Chandwaney	Web	<p>According to PSE's Sept SEC 10-Q they turned a 58 million dollar profit the nine months leading up to Sept 30 last year. In light of that it seems pretty outrageous that they're asking to charge even more.</p>
	Laura Gibbons	Web	<p>Please send a clear message to PSE that we are serious about the UTC plan for all utilities to be carbon neutral by 2030. Building the Tacoma LNG plant is directly contrary to that vital (literally vital for human life on earth) plan. The rate of return for investors should be negative for such outrageous investments.</p> <p>Even the Public Counsel position is too generous in my opinion. I oppose any rate increases as long as they include any fossil fuel infrastructure. I am willing to pay more for truly green power, but PSE doesn't seem to know what that is.</p> <p>Thank you for listening - please act!</p>
	Christina Chesnut	Web	<p>The current structure of PSE's billing process is already kicking the bills in my community to unattainable heights. In the summer I pay \$60 with my AC units running all day. My bill just this last December is over \$250. I don't even understand how the bill can jump like that. I already keep my home at 65 degrees. This has gotten out of control. When I lived just 40 miles south my bill in the winter was Half of PSE's and it was snowing</p>

			<p>outside.</p> <p>No more rate hikes, and look at how we can cut other costs.</p>
	Greg Tapper	Web	<p>I am against the proposed rate hikes, so please do not approve them. The Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission should deny this rate hike. Puget Sound Energy is a private energy monopoly owned by an out of state corporation, and we should not shoulder the risks inherent to oil and gas infrastructure because this company is so reliant on charging above market-rate for polluting oil products. Shareholders know the risks when they bought shares, and we need to prioritize sustainable public infrastructure over private money. Deny this rate hike so we can prevent further financial commitment to polluting and unsafe infrastructure. Thank you.</p>
	ClaraTurnbull-murphy	Web	<p>I am writing to you regarding the recent proposal for utility rate hikes for Puget Sound Energy here in Southwestern Washington. I am against the rate hikes. This has been the second rate hike in a 365 period. These rate hikes are making gas and electricity unaffordable here in Washington State. As a single mother of two, I have been stretching my budget as far as I can go just to be able to afford to pay \$350 or more each month. I keep my Heat set to 65 , my children and I are having to wear sweaters and blankets just to keep warm. Every light in our house is a LED. We shut lights off, we wait until washing machines and dryers are full before running them. We take showers and baths once a week. But nothing we have done has reduced our bill to an affordable level. I have had Puget Sound Energy come out and explore options, and they were unable to provide me with any. If I cut back anymore, we are going to freeze to death when the cold weather hits. I do not have another source of heat for my home, nor do I have an option for another utility company. I feel like Puget Sound Energy has an illegal Monopoly Here in Thurston County. They are taking advantage of those of us who are poor, and unable to upgrade our homes to be able to afford the high rates. Please do not approve this rate increase. Please consider those of us who are poor and living off of fixed incomes. I'm sorry I'm already struggling to pay the utility bills as is. I live in constant fear that Puget Sound Energy is going to shut my power or gas off because I am unable to afford to pay the full bill each month. I have tried reaching out to churches and other groups which have helped pay for my bill, but even they are stretched thin with the amount of people asking for help this year. Please say no to this rate increase.</p>
	Alan Kawashima	Web	<p>Please do not allow the rate increase requested by PSE as I feel it is unnecessarily high, especially for people like me who are on a fixed income. A 15% rate increase to residential customers is extremely high.</p>
	Tia M Hendrix	Web	<p>I am strongly opposed to the proposed increases of nearly 7 percent for electricity and nearly 8 percent for natural gas (\$200 million per year). This while it's Canadian CEO makes \$7.6 MILLION a year. We struggle just to pay our bill every month. This increase isn't needed or necessary - it is just more profit to fill the pockets of PSE shareholders. Too, in my area, we do NOT have a choice on energy providers: it is PSE or nothing, so there is no competition to keep prices fair - we have no choice but to use PSE.</p>

			I urge you to vote no on any proposed rate increases for PSE at this time.
	Dana L Harris	Web	<p>This company is already so expensive. Seattle City Light is way better, but you have no choice over the monopolization of companies such as PSE. This company generates enough revenue. With the increase in taxes, taxes for the light rail, this is enough. I feel with all these businesses moving in PSE is jumping in to make some \$\$\$\$. One can see with the comment of "...provide the opportunity for shareholders to earn fair return on their investment". What does this mean, why is this electric/gas company a shareholder company? See monopoly, private, shareholders. The poor get poorer and the rich get richer. Increase business such as Amazon, Microsoft and such with an increase and leave the residential little people alone, you get enough as is. 2 million in increased revenue a year? Really, wow. You are already getting more companies and apartments in a little space, their trying to see how much traffic and how many people they can fit in a city...pushing its limits, they must be some of the same people in your shareholders, so how much increase did you get from that?</p> <p>Too much of an increase, you already get enough.</p> <p>P.S. Your notification on this was lame. I asked other people about it and they did not even know for you put it in same envelope as bill and you usually have some other garbage with it, so most people thought it was just your regular crap, I feel this is done purposely.</p>
	Erna L Donner	Web	<p>I'm not in favor of PSE's rate increase for dozens of reasons. The one that irks me the most is this : I'm retired. I live on an annuity. I budget my money so that that I can pay my bills and live within my means. These utility companies apparently have no way to forecast their future needs because they are requesting rate increases every few months. No. I think we need a law that restricts utilities from rate hike requests more than once a year (maybe two years even). I cannot operate my finances properly when my budget needs change every other month. Stop It! If you force me out of my community, none of us wins. Just Stop It.</p>
	Darlene Hill	Web	<p>Taken by CTC</p> <p>I am asking for help because I'm having problems right now. I'm trying to find someone to paint my house. With my income what it is, it's hard to find someone. I can pay for the material but I can't pay for labor. PSE shouldn't get an increase because my income is so limited and it's hard to pay for all my bills now and my insurance company wants to cut me off because my house is weather-beaten and this is one reason why I'm asking for help.</p>
	Jacob	Web	<p>My parents are in declining health with very little to no income. I am paying their PSE bill. I am a student. I struggle with multiple jobs in order to figure out how to pay for their bills and mine. I am only 21. I try my hardest but when I hear an increase is coming, all I can do is cry. I don't have the support or the help that I need. The money is tight and PSE is not considering how hard it will be on people's lives. The increase might not seem a lot, but I will have to choose between paying for my parent's medicines, food, or their PSE bill.</p>
	Emily Petersen	Web	<p>The PSE LNG Tacoma project is criminal and the people in charge should be put in jail. Our planet is literally burning and the oceans are becoming dead zones. Our idiot "leaders" are committing suicide on an epic scale. Fuck NO to LNG and fuck no to PSE rate hikes for people who use 2% of the carbon polluting energy!</p>

	Judith Wrenick	Web	I am a senior and the rate increase is significant. Will the rates change for low income customers? If the rates go up, do the qualifications for reduced rates decrease.
	Leslie Nestorek	Web	I didn't even get a raise this year, now I have to pay more out of what little I make???
	Joseph Barlin	Web	<p>Docket UE-190529 PSE is proposing what amounts to a 6.12% price increase in electricity, based on their mailer. I am commenting to oppose this increase.</p> <p>A quick look at the Bureau of Labor Statistics web site for the Seattle area (as a measure of the region) shows a 2019 CPI around 2.6% for the year. Electricity appears to be up about 1.3% for the year. Here is the reference: https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/news-release/ConsumerPriceIndex_Seattle.htm</p> <p>The rationale in their flyer appears to be for such items as "self-service tools that allow customers to interact with PSE at their convenience" and "accommodate increasing levels of residential solar, battery storage, and electric vehicles with electric infrastructure investments..."</p> <p>While I support increasing adoption of electric vehicles, and I realize that production costs increase over time, a 6.12% single increase seems somewhat severe against the current CPI.</p> <p>I generally applaud PSE's service, response to outages, and overall service. But, a balance between this and rate increases over time needs to be considered.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
	Eric VanderWaal	Web	I'm commenting today to oppose Puget Sound Energy's proposed rate hike.
	Elly Claus-McGahan	Web	PSE raised rates in November 2019. They are not managing their fossil fuel infrastructure well and we are paying the costs. PSE wants to prolong using fossil fuels and is willing to pass on the costs of burst pipes and leaks to its consumers. Utilities need to be switching to renewable energy at a large scale. Hydro, wind and solar power are clean, and don't explode or leak dangerous fumes from pipes. PSE has not shown a customer first behavior in how it maintains its gas infrastructure, builds the Tacoma LNG plant, and wants to keep its coal plant operational. They are dragging their feet. A rate increase is not in our interest, they need to change how they work.
	Jack Lenzi	Web	First of all, my household is on fixed retirement income. We do not get COLAs on our retirements. Another matter is the 38.5% property tax proposal for a new Thurston County courthouse to be voted on April 28, 2020. And now PSE wants a 13% increase for electricity and gas consumption. These increases are putting us in the poor house. I retired in 2003 and I am 70 years old. Why should I go back to work to pay for your nonsense? Does PSE not make enough money to pay your employees and for future investment for growth in the PNW? I believe there should be a time for the seniors to be exempt from these increases. Let the young people earning

			<p>\$120,000 a year or more pay for these increases. You'll retire someday, too, and will then realize why I am upset. Sooner or later you will force me from my home that I took a lifetime to build and reside in until my death. Other states are looking better and better. Inslee is a madman who has forced your company into so-called clean energy with no emissions by 2045. There is nothing wrong with coal with the proper scrubbers on the exhaust stacks. Using gas to generate electricity is insane! The abundance of water that we have in this state is the cleanest energy that other states do not enjoy and are envious. For the Indian community that is making us tear-out our hydroelectric dams should not occur. Why should 1/8th of the population control the rest of us here in Washington? I vote NO emphatically to the rate hike!</p>
	Stephen Urban	Web	<p>Taken by CTC I think its outrageous. The return on investment for them is way too high and I have seen no increase in service from them so I am opposed to the increase.</p>
	Brooks Beaupain	Web	<p>Puget Sound Energy proposes significant rate increases via dockets UE-190529 and UG-190530 that are unnecessary and punitive to many subscribers. Their estimated overall average rate increases of 7.7% (electric) and 7.5% (gas) far outstrip the cost of living or inflationary increases, and are simply ways to have customers pay for unnecessary infrastructure, budget, and profit increases. While many in our community may be able to afford to absorb these rate increases (albeit against their will), many others are punished by them due to already-tight household budgets. Please deny these proposed rate increases. Thank you.</p>
	Tom	Web	<p>Hell no!! Shove it up your back side were the good lord split you!!!</p>
	Marjorie Carlson	Web	<p>If PSE needs more money, they can take it from their CEO's exhorbitant salary or from the millions they put into lobbying FOR climate change. We should absolutely not approve rate hikes as long as PSE is INCREASING it's</p>
	Barbara Burget Stevenson	Web	<p>Puget Sound Energy has asked for another rate hike. Looking at this Canadian owned company's CEO salary over \$7M and investors' guaranteed return more than 10%, it's clear that PSE needs to reinvest in its own infrastructure rather than asking taxpayers to do that.</p> <p>When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decreased freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties. Ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences harms our children's and grandchildren's futures.</p> <p>Please deny the rate increase requested by PSE.</p>
	valentina warner	Web	<p>We need to stop fracking gas. It's unsustainable, very polluting, poisoning our water and accelerating climate change. In addition the LNG plant is unsafe in the urban area of Tacoma. Nor is it approved by the Puyallup tribe.</p>

	Steven J Bolliger	Web	PSE is not doing enough to eliminate it's dirty coal power supply from Montana. I would support a rate increase if PSE could demonstrate that such increase went directly towards a faster transition to renewable sources of power generation. Justifying a rate increase to support an ROR of 7.62% and a ROE of 9.8% seems like an excessive request. The quicker PSE eliminates coal power generation from their sources the less liability they will carry going forward. I believe their stake in the Montana Coal generating facility carries significant future liability for the company and its customers.
	David Silverstone	Web	<p>Unlike publicly owned energy utilities that are cheaper, cleaner, and provide more reliable service, privately held Puget Sound Energy gets more than 60% of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas.</p> <p>It's time that our state Utilities and Transportation Commission sides with the people and stop rubber stamping rate hikes for monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels!</p> <p>Puget Sound Energy has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. Now they're back for more.</p> <p>Don't raise our rates to build fossil fuel infrastructure! Only build clean infrastructure.</p>
	Ethan Manns	Web	I am opposed to a rate hike in order to support a project that does not serve the best interest of the people and to provide returns to wealthy investors.
	Rayma Norton	Web	I oppose PG&E's proposed rate hike which would further the company's export of fossil fuels. I am also opposed to future fracking.
	Derek Benedict	Web	For the sake of our childrens' future, please quit expanding fossil fuel projects, and make the conversion to go with renewables!
	MaryJane Brown	Web	<p>I am a senior and I have trouble paying my bills. When the bill goes up, my inside temperature goes down, and I wear more polar fleece. It is a senior strategy; I don't know how seniors make it in Redmond Washington when the weather is cold.</p> <p>I don't get any better service from the bill being higher; nothing changes except the bill goes up. I don't like the fact that the company is not owned locally and is owed by another country. I don't like the fact the CEO makes 7 million dollars; how much is enough? I want to also say PSE does not do anything to improve reliability, be accountable, environmentally accountable, or listen to the community.</p> <p>PSE looks at its bottom line and charges forward.</p>
	Amy Hargrove	Web	I'm in favor of the lower rate increase proposed by staff not the higher rate increase proposed by PSE.
	Linda S Thompsen	Web	I believe that PSE is not making enough of an effort to move away from fossil fuels. I am willing to pay more for renewable energy, not fossil fuel produced energy!

	Valarie Evers	Web	The proposal is to raise my electric and natural gas bill. I oppose this because average families, including mine, can't afford a rate increase. Also, the reasons that are listed for the rate increase I don't believe are valid or necessary.
	Daniel Swan	Web	<p>2020 Puget Sound Energy Rate Increase Comments</p> <p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I am concerned with the significant rate increases proposed for 2020 on both electric and natural gas service. I do not support any rate increase upon the reasons given in your flyer that came with the December, 2019 bill, and certainly not extreme amounts such as 6.12% raise for electric and 7.52% raise for natural gas! I will explain my reasoning for each point given as “justification” for rate increases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investments in technology such as self-service tools for “my convenience”. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. I'd much prefer to save 6.12% on electric and 7.52% on natural gas charges and send in a check by mail that might take a little longer, and as a responsible adult, would not suffer from an “inconvenience” from the requirement to pay my bill in advance and allow for processing time. 2. Increasing levels of solar, battery, electric vehicles, etc. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. I have no interest or use for these types of power nor do I feel I should have to pay extra for these alternative or optional features that only benefit a subset of the rate-payers. These services, infrastructure, and expenses should only be paid for those that have interest in, or utilize them, and any other way of distributing costs is patently unfair. 3. Improved reliability of natural gas infrastructure investments, cost of natural gas recovery, depreciation, etc. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. I admit this may have some merit, but I'm skeptical since no concrete examples or other quantifiable or objective data can be provided to support this claim. Therefore, without supporting evidence, I can view it as only a token gesture to support the increased rates to a small amount that pales in comparison to the top two reasons, but this is thrown in for “validation”, “justification”, or “public relations” purposes. <p>Ultimately, I'm adamantly against a drastic rate increase to me for these insufficient reasons, especially as I have no choice but to use Puget Sound Energy as the sole energy provider to my home. This lack of fair and free-market economics allows monopolistic practices such as unwarranted rate increases like you are proposing that is more intended to pay employees and other “initiatives” like the first two leading reasons you claim a rate increase is planned. I request a detailed reply with quantifiable and objective rebuttals and/or data to substantiate your unfounded claims and reasons.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration,</p> <p>Daniel Swan</p>
	Alice Lockhart	Web	<p>Dear Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission,</p> <p>I am writing to urge denial of PSE's application for yet another natural gas rate hike.</p>

			<p>Although I am not a rate payer (thank goodness no natural gas in my home), my neighbors are, and their use of PSE's product resulted in a fire that evacuated a lot of the neighborhood -- I was very concerned and missed much of a day's work because I was out of the house and could not safely return home to get my laptop until after the fire was put out. Two workers were injured.</p> <p>PSE continues to sell both coal power and natural gas into our region, building pipelines like North Seattle Lateral that expand natural gas infrastructure and endanger both the climate and our neighborhoods. The profits go to majority foreign investors.</p> <p>It would be wonderful if rate increases to PSE could be contingent on a plan for the rapid transition to renewable energy that we need. Alternatively, maybe it's time for a public utility that would work toward a safe climate for our children and phasing out dangerous pipelines in neighborhoods like mine.</p> <p>Please disallow this rate increase -- PSE is doing nothing to justify it.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Alice E. Lockhart</p>
	Edward Sweeney	Web	<p>I am opposed to the proposed rate increases for residential electric and natural gas service. The proposed rate increases are too high and should be reduced to a more acceptable level. I believe the shareholders are receiving enough return on their investment already. Profit for them should not be an excuse to raise rates. Secondly, as a retired couple this increase would strain an already tight budget!</p>
	Diana Moore	Web	<p>More than 60% of Puget Sound's Energy's energy comes from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas. As Utilities and Transportation Commissioners, I ask that you stop granting rate hikes for monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on fossil fuels. Puget Sound Energy has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices.</p> <p>Every study on how to meet sustainable climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas, so we should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and the Commission approving rate increases impedes those goals to say the least. This rate hike is being pursued because of a pipeline explosion in Canada that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy – why should Washingtonians pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available? PSE had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It's inevitable that this won't be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age.</p> <p>And how will the UTC handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will pay for more than 40% of the project. The LNG</p>

			<p>facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of responsibility on PSE's part. In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that "PSE's next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled." Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay because PSE continues to force gas into our energy infrastructure when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding safer fuel sources.</p> <p>Please disallow this rate increase.</p>
	Libby Garrett	Web	Stop the planned natural gas plant in Tacoma. We are in a climate crisis - this is NOT the time to invest in polluting fossil fuel infrastructure!
	Jenna Phelps	Web	Absolutely not! Is the goal to make Washington uninhabitable? And why is there no consumer choice in Washington? I would be switching to Tacoma power in a heartbeat as would everyone within reach of services, I'm sure. If there is a reason for this hike in prices (doubtful), then Washington needs to open the nuclear plants.
	Deborah M Benz	Web	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The rate increases are unreasonably high. 2. PSE's flyer states, "Customers pay for these returns (the rate hikes) in order to service debt expenses and provide the opportunity for shareholders to earn a fair return on their investment." <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why does PSE have "debt expenses?" Is this due to poor management or the cost of upgrading their systems? I'm not interested in financially covering their financial mistakes. b. I feel NO RESPONSIBILITY WHAT SO EVER to help the shareholders "earn a fair return on their investment." I don't feel it is right for me and other PSE customers to subsidize the shareholders.
	LARRY SCHRENK	Web	I AM RETIRED AND JUST GOT A 1.6 % INCREASE IN MY SS CHECK. THERE APPEARS TO BE MULTIPLE WAY FOR CONTACT WITH PSE. TO HAVE 3 POSTED REASONS FOR AN INCREASE THAT ONE SHOULD BE BORE BY PSE NOT CONSUMER. THE BUILD OUT OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES SHOULD BE SUBSIDISED BY THE CAR MANUFACTURERS WHO ARE MAKING THE VEHICLES. THESE PRIVATE COMPANIES WHO MAKE THE PANELS,BATTERIES AND ETC SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO ASSIST. NOT THE CUSTOMER OF THE UTILITY.
	Genevieve Sanford	Web	<p>I do not think Puget Sound Energy should be allowed the rate increase they've requested. They are building the LNG facility/system which is supported by fracking. As a utility, they should be moving away from fracking, not increasing the use and dependency on such an environmentally dangerous method. This hurts the world in which we live.</p> <p>As a residential ratepayer, I don't want to pay higher rates to pay off a system that is not designed to benefit residential ratepayers and will contribute to the environmental ruin of our world.</p>
	David Pierce	Web	According to Pay Scale web site, wages in the Seattle area are trending up 1.4%, but PSE wants to increase their Electricity by 6.12% and Natural gas by 7.52%. This is too much and it especially hurts those with fixed incomes. So I am recommending that this request for increase not be approved.

Anastasia Pele	Web	<p>Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system. We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message. This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available? PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It's inevitable that this won't be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age.</p> <p>It's time that our state Utilities and Transportation Commission sides with the people and stop rubber stamping rate hikes for monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels!</p>
Paul Routt	Web	<p>It's too expensive. PSE has plenty of money to pay outrageously its Board of Directors and management so it can do this project w/o rate increases.</p>
Selden Prentice	Web	<p>I oppose the rate increase, and I oppose PSE's passing on of the construction costs of the Tacoma LNG plant to customers! We need to be moving off of fossil fuels!</p>
Sue Stronk	Web	<p>Both the electric and gas increases PSE seeks are too high. First PSE is known to inflate numbers for their benefit--be sure they are not in this case--or can you? PSE stubbornly refuses to show any data to those with the proper CEII clearances about the Energize Eastside Project--is that project needed at its capacity--we can not verify that for sure. You allow PSE 9.8% return to build poles and wires--which on that EE project alone would profit PSE over a billion dollars--with a "B" !!! That compensation plan should be changed tomorrow by you and the state and should reward them instead to use 21st century technologies--safer, more environmental friendly--where our state is supposedly headed--right? PSE and your rate structure are both behind the times. PSE seeks profit for their shareholders not caring about their ratepayers and I will support the upcoming drive for a PUD to replace PSE! WUTC has told PSE they should share their data and at the IRP level they continue to kick the EE can down the road about sharing data for EE. The WUTC is spineless in demanding better from PSE. This is a foreign owned utility that is mocking you and the ratepayers and it should stop now. PSE has spent \$69.5 million to date on EE without a pole in place. Much of that money is spent on advertising in newspapers and social media to "Sell" this EE project to the public--a tactic used by their Madison Wisconsin PR firm-PRW Communications. The same firm worked back east to sell the PATH project in 2015--and upon further project review that project was not needed. And FERC would not allow that utility to pass the "Advertising costs" to the rate payers-FERC said that was not prudent! Still PSE has not disclosed a project cost for EE--just a blank check for PSE without a bidding process needed--no oversight. This must stop! PSE should be banned from "buying favors" in contributing to candidates in public elections and donating to city events. WUTC--do not allow this increase--be "prudent"--your words. Make changes to the PSE compensation structure and be sure their projects are safe--like EE proposed in a 100' right of way from house to house--not one but 2- 230kv lines set dangerously close to 2 aging hazardous Olympic fuel pipelines --16" and 20" diameters--carrying 13 million gallons of fuels by our homes daily in a crowded residential area! There is no</p>

			<p>other project in the US like this and when discussed with other US utilities--they all would required a much wider corridor for all this to be together in one space. NOT PSE--they will fit this EE dangerously in 100 feet just because they have this space to use which is insane--you have to agree. And only you can make it change. Thank you.</p>
David Malcolm	Web	<p>PSE should NOT invest in any more natural gas facilities. The main reason is that this state has the commendable target of eliminating all fossil fuel generation of electric power. If there is to be a rate increase, it should be to purchase/build more renewable power - such as from wind farms in Washington, Montana, and Wyoming.</p> <p>The owners of PSE (BC and Alberta pension funds) have a clear conflict of interest. They are invested heavily in oil and gas in those provinces which wish to sell those emission-intensive products.</p>	
Pamela Ng	Web	<p>PSE is proposing another rates hike. Please put a stop to their proposed action.</p> <p>As a fixed income senior, I have to spend my money wisely, and not to pay for PSE's unwise corporate actions. PSE's unwise corporate actions included huge compensation to its CEO, huge expenses in false advertising (impressing on its paying customers that its a corporation concerned for the environment and its clients!!), huge donations/bribes to candidates running for Washington governmental positions, Thurston county campaign expenses against a Public Utility Dept., etc.</p> <p>In 2018, PSE in fact was 'purchased' by the British Columbia and Alberta Investment Management Corps. This fact is telling me that we in Washington State is letting a foreign government interfere with our daily living and our way of living directly. Shame, shame, shame.</p> <p>Please redirect all efforts, energy and taxpayers money to develop a Public Utility Dept and investing in green jobs and green, renewable energy. Green jobs do not only mean manufacturing jobs in wind turbines and solar panels. They extend to revamping the education system, and other industries, to prepare young people in the green and renewable energy fields.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	
Marjorie Carlson	Web	<p>If PSE needs more money, they can take it from their CEO's exorbitant salary or from the millions they put into lobbying FOR climate change. We should absolutely not approve rate hikes as long as PSE is INCREASING its dependence on natural gas and other climate-destroying fuels.</p>	
S. D. LAWRENCE	Web	<p>THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR STOPPING PSE FROM THOSE RIDICULOUS INCREASES THEY WERE PROPOSING.</p> <p>THANK YOU FOR YOUR DILIGENCE, AND CARING ABOUT US LITTLE PEOPLE WHO ARE JUST TRYING TO STAY WARM AND KEEP A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS.</p> <p>I'm 67, and have never seen the government fight for us like you did.</p> <p>PLEASE KEEP UP YOUR GOOD WORK AND HONESTY.</p>	
Stephanie Lecovin	Web	<p>We live in a wonderful region that is far ahead of the curve when it comes to sustainability...except when it comes to where and how we source our energy. PSE reps can talk all day about how environmentally sound they</p>	

		<p>are, but the fact remains that PSE gets more than 60% of its energy from fossil fuels like fracked gas and coal. And now they want us - the taxpayers - to pay for more of it.</p> <p>The people of our region want cleaner energy! We are not willing to put our children's future at risk in order to line the pockets of PSE. We want to be one of the most progressive regions and states in the country with regard to environmental sustainability and responsibility. Please do what is right and do not support a fee hike for PSE to pay for more fracked gas or coal!</p> <p>In this time of utter political chaos at the federal level, we look to our state and local representatives, boards, commissions and other local government bodies to think about us and our future, rather than themselves and their election campaigns. We look to you for leadership. Please be brave and take a stand in finding a solution that eliminates dirty energy sources.</p> <p>In gratitude,</p> <p>Stephanie Lecovin</p>
Mark Vossler	Web	<p>PSE's request for a rate hike on both gas and electricity in order to fund expansion of their gas based energy infrastructure is contrary to the public good and should be denied. PSE currently has the highest carbon footprint of any electricity provider in our state and plans to replace its coal based power generation with gas based generation. Given that CH₄ is >80x as potent a GHG as CO₂ in the 20 year time frame this is beyond unacceptable when we have only 10 years in which to make meaningful reductions in our GHG output. Allowing methane to be leaked into the atmosphere wipes out any advantages of gas over coal from a climate perspective. Fracked gas poses serious threats to human health at every step of the product cycle, from well to generation station. Other utilities in our state provide more reliable energy and do so in a socially responsible manner with a lower GHG output. It is possible for PSE to do the same. It seems that the profit in selling gas outweighs the public good in their view. In a free market for energy I would take my business elsewhere but given the government sanctioned monopoly status of this for profit company we have no recourse but to complain to you. I absolutely refuse to pay PSE for their immoral behavior knowingly harming their community and the entire ecosystem of our planet. I ask you to deny their rate hike request.</p>
Dale Chester	Web	<p>I just received my PSE bill and in that bill is a letter explaining the rate increases the utility will ask the WU&T Commission for approval. If you use the information on that letter between electrical rates and natural gas rates PSE is asking for a 15.2% increase! PSE increased natural gas rates in the latter part of 2019 because of the pipeline problem in British Columbia last year. To me, this is insane! I know that PSE supplies customers with reliable products, but this kind of increase is not acceptable at all. I could barely agree to half of the increase PSE is asking for. I, like many others here that is supplied by PSE are on fixed incomes and do not meet any requirements for any financial help. I have gone over to almost 100% LED lighting to reduce energy consumption. I can only reduce my natural gas consumption by either turning down my thermostat, which is kept low, or spending thousands of dollars on upgraded windows and a new furnace.</p>

			<p>Please reject PSE,s increase request and make the utility go back and come up with a reasonable rate increase. Not everyone in Washington State is made of money or has an endless supply of financial increase every year. Our income is FIXED! I know company's need to increase rates, but 15.2% is totally unreasonable and if approved will hurt those who cannot afford these increase and have to make very hard choices. Lets make real world decisions here!</p> <p>Thank you for providing a place to comment here as I cannot make the hearing in Bellevue at the date provided.</p> <p>Dale V. Chester</p>
	Kevin D Korte	Web	<p>The rate increase significantly favors businesses over consumers. Why should consumers pay for higher generation and transportation costs, while large-volume costumers only have to pay token amounts? It seems to be highly unfair and skewed towards PSE shareholders and their various business interests.</p>
	Fred Koontz	Web	<p>I am against the proposed fee increase for electricity and gas - especially for the purpose of supporting increased use of liquified natural gas. Thank you.</p>
	Maxwell Goodwin	Web	<p>Puget Sound Energy is an immoral company complicit in climate catastrophe and impending extinction. Over 60% of it's energy comes from dirty fossil fuels like "LNG" fracked gas and coal. Every study on how to meet even our meager and insufficient climate goals concludes we need to phase out fracked gas. Between the huge pipeline explosion in BC that caused power outages and rationing (the twisted rationale behind these hikes) the two major Seattle gas leaks in 2019, one of which sent workers to the hospital, and the horrific and compounding climate crisis, it does not make sense to reward this dangerous and dishonorable company for their depraved practices.</p> <p>Furthermore, it is unfair and unjust that ratepayers face the prospect of paying for more than 40% of the deadly, dastardly, and potentially disasterous Tacoma "LNG" Facility, which will be used for for ratepayers only around 2% of the time.</p> <p>Please deny this highly repugnant rate hike that would fund contaminate water tables, freshwater supply shortages, severe medical and geological consequences for communities near fracking sites and fracked gas refineries, habitat loss, deforestation, the Missing and Murdered Indegenous Women crisis, violation of indigenous rights and treaties, and ultimately the the termination of a livable human future through climate chaos.</p>
	Jennifer White	Web	<p>It is absolutely outrageous to support this rate hike from a foreign company that monopolizes our utility. %70 of their energy is dirty. They are not planning on going green, ising underground fiber and must fly in people from out of state when there are outages. To continue to support their rate hikes is a disgrace to our utility, community and our future. They have done nothing for local jobs or our economy. They do not maintain their infrastructure but want other useless facilities.</p>
	Danon McMahan	Web	<p>I am apposed to PSE's LNG Tacoma bomb and their raising rates to pay for the disastrous project. I believe their safety record is not good and they did not meet all the criteria of permits when building and consultation</p>

			with the Nisqually Tribe etc... Our Governor and Attorney General now agree the project is not good for WA State. Thank you for your time and consideration. -Danon McMahan
	Gopal K Vashishtha	Web	Please do not build a new LNG plant. We need cleaner energy, not dirtier energy, and Washington needs to lead the way in this transition.
	Emily Hazelton	Web	With Australia on fire due to extremely hot temperatures, our youth striking for their future across the globe, and cities and nations around the world declaring Climate Emergencies, PSE is ignoring the warnings and evidence about climate change and the need to phase out fossil fuel infrastructure. Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system. We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message. This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available? This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part. In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that “PSE's next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled,” demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.
	Piotr Horoszowski	Web	<p>PSE is proposing 6.12% average increase for electric service, and 7.52% -- for natural gas.</p> <p>To quote Wall Street Journal, "Natural-gas stockpiles have been building for months, and the EIA expects 2019 dry natural-gas production to average 91.6 billion cubic feet a day, a 10% increase from the 2018 average" EIA estimates for 2020 a drop in prices for every type of consumption, including residential. So why does PSE propose an increase? Social Security pay went supposedly 1.6% up, but with a 25% increase in Medicare premium, my Social Security check went up by about 1%. Do not allow PSE to raise the rates by unreasonable amounts!</p> <p>It is harder to determine the cost of generating electricity in the state of Washington, but 6% increase seems also to be far out of line. Do not allow PSE to profit unreasonably from the unreasonable increases!</p>
	doug boneske	Web	Their figures on what the average bill increase will be are total BS. I live alone, gas heat, gas hot water and I am not wasting gas as I am low income. I keep it at around 63 in the winter.. Most of the year the heat is off completely They showed the average household (4 people ?) using less than I do , total BS. How do they get away with this stuff. They say a 10% increase probably more like 20% or more. What ever happened to a few

			<p>tiny increases over a period of time..... Tacoma Utilities does the same thing, we are now getting billed for recycling even though they are discontinuing the recycling of many items this month. Charge bi-monthly for fire hydrants, garbage rates went up at the same time they cut pickups by half. garbage cans get smaller and rates go up it's like the MOB runs the garage racket around here. TPU charges big bucks (40-50 a month) for runoff water supposedly coming off my lot into the storm sewer. There is ZERO water running off my property. Dishonest, powerful and greedy . They ignore negative public comment and rigged the recent survey saying people wanted to be charged for recycling. These people are simply over paid crooks with fancy titles that hold a monopoly on services .. Time for them to trim their own waste and golden benefit packages, I have gotten increasingly bad in recent years. I can't really blame PSE for trying to get their cut of the never fountain of captive customer cash. I'd move but I can't afford to. End of rant. Thanks</p>
	Dave Mickelson	Web	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Dave and Denise Mickelson 4518 Somerset Drive SE Bellevue, WA 98006</p> <p>425-859-8483</p>
	J Young	Web	<p>I'm living on minimum wage with a disabled husband and elderly parent, with two kids going to college. I CAN'T AFFORD a price hike!</p>
	Charles Auclair	Web	<p>I oppose the utilities proposal to raise gas and electric rates in support of a gas terminal in Tacoma that will not benefit me. This is a gamble on the company's part that they should bare the risk for, not rate payers.</p>

			The cost of natural gas has fallen by 1/2 in recent years, yet my rates have gone up not down. Only a monopoly would be asking for price increases in such an environment. The commission's job is to protect rate payers from the monopolies not ensure the monopolies rake in their profits.
	Megan Mollman	Web	The proposed rate hikes are taking us in the wrong direction. Expanding fracking infrastructure? That is the opposite of what we should be doing to protect our environment and move toward sustainable energy. If the rates increase were to support solar, wind, or other forms of non-carbon based energy I would be more open it - but I do not want my hard earned dollars contributing to more destructive and polluting fracking
	RAS	Web	Way too much of an increase; ref. dockets UE-190529 and UG-190530. PSE's first reason cited for these rate adjustments include "...self-service tools..." which means they are cost-shifting more and more of their expenses to the customer. This saves THEM money.
	Becca	Web	Pse contributes to climate change, pse ceo makes millions while Seattle is forced to foot the bill. Dirty energy from a dirty company and Seattle residents have no other options. This company contributes to the epidemic of native missing women and girls in Canada and hasn't ever addressed this issue. Please consider not allowing another rate hike on our energy and give us options other than dirty pse.
	Karen Fletcher	Web	<p>Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system.</p> <p>We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message. We need to END fossil fuel reliance - not boost it up.</p> <p>Also, this rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available? And we won't even be using much of this energy.</p> <p>When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we all are complicit in the harms caused, including: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences. I join the majority of peoples and say NO to this rate hike AND any expansion of fossil fuels. It is dirty and just the wrong thing to do.</p>
	Laura Robinson	Web	I am strongly against the proposed rate increase. It is not just a matter of the impact on my budget, it's the cost to our health, environment, and planet. I do not want my money going into a LNG plant in Tacoma. Natural gas is the product of fracking, which is extremely damaging to the environment, and emits very harmful methane (which traps 80 times the heat in the atmosphere that CO2 does). PSE needs to do a better job of finding renewable sources of energy, especially since our window of opportunity to deal with climate change is closing. It is highly irresponsible to EXPAND reliance on fossil fuels, when there are other alternatives currently

			available! The actions of PSE in pursuing fossil fuels and raising rates is leading me to think we do need a public utility in King County. Keep up the rate increases and you will be creating more converts like me.
	Maradel K. Gale	Web	It is clear to nearly everyone that we MUST stop using fossil fuels. Yet PSE is pushing ahead with an unwanted LNG plant in Tacoma, which will add more greenhouse gases to the environment. And worse yet, they are asking their ratepayers, people like me, to pay for this disaster! This is immoral and their rate request should not be granted. If PSE succeeds in going ahead with this LNG plant, which is a terrible thing, they should pay for it with the excessive salary that goes to their CEO, not with increased rates paid by people who will never even use the product they will produce at the plant. At this time, PSE is asking that their ratepayers cover 43% of the cost, which is unfair and unjustified. DENY THE RATE INCREASE, please!
	Tess Morgan	Web	Both proposals are bad ecologically for our State. Please don't bow to short term special interests at the cost of the health of future Washington residents, which they will pay for individually, not the company ever.
	Stephen Thompson	Web	<p>PSE is a major "in bad faith" player in the climate crisis. The UTC should not approve rate increases for electricity or natural (Fracted) gas. PSE recent proposal to sell it's interest in the Coalstrip coal generating facility in order to allow the plant to continue to burn coal and pollute for years to come in a prime example of it's "bad faith" actions. Rate increases should only be considered and allowed for Non carbon solutions to electric production.</p> <p>Regarding proposed natural gas rate increases, Customers should not have to pay for increasing methane based and very damaging climate change driver only to provide higher profits for this corporation and it's corporate leaders. PSE continues to demonstrate that it's interests and the interests of the public it is suppose to serve are not alighted. I is the job of the UTC to protect the public. Say not to these increases and make PSE a better member of society.</p>
	Dory Crabbe	Web	Companies just keep increasing rates yet I don't get any increase in pay. People are just getting poor and poor every year while companies are getting richer and richer
	Ronald Biebel	Web	<p>This increase is outrageous and is totally unacceptable!! I live in a building that houses very low income senior residents that can't even get the COLA increases that are awarded by the Social Security Administration, since the state of Washington robs them of that COLA by cutting any public assistance for an equivalent amount. As we all know the federal government only views Cost of Living increases at well below two percent, yet here this Utility company that is flush with profits and investments wants 7.7% increases!</p> <p>This is a ridiculous proposition and I suspect they have thrown this excessive number with an objective of bargaining for a smaller percentage as a final result. As a former Family Dairy Farmer for over five decades and a current retiree living on the margins of poverty I wish to express my sincere request that your organization not approve any larger increases above that of what the Federal Government sets as the US mandated COLA for 2019.</p>
	Oleg Ryabukha	Web	Dockets UE-190529 and UG-190530

		<p>PSE rationale for rate increase includes 'Investments in ... self service tools'. Such investments typically bring significant cost savings to the companies implementing them (by reducing/eliminating the need to maintain operators in call centers), and those cost savings allow to recover investments in few years. Therefore, asking customers to pay for cost-saving technology investments looks unjustified.</p> <p>PSE also wants to get 9.8% return on equity 'to provide the opportunity for shareholders to earn a fair return on their investment'. Well, 10-year US treasury notes yield was fluctuating between 1.5% and 3.25% in the last 5 years; even if 2x multiplier is applied to the highest rate, to reflect that PSE is less secure and reliable investment than US treasury bills (and resulting in 6.5% yield), it would be still less than PSE proposal by 1/3.</p> <p>This proposed rate increase looks way too high and unjustified, and should be denied (or at the very least, substantially reduced).</p>
	Jared Howe	<p>Web</p> <p>Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system. We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.</p> <p>This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p> <p>PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It's inevitable that this won't be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age.</p> <p>This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part.</p> <p>In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that “PSE's next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled,” demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.</p> <p>When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women</p>

			near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.
	Maryann Haman	Web	I believe and feel that a 15 percent overall increase is absolutely over the top. I do not see any details on how the money will be spent. I generally overall oppose the rate increase.
	Carol Thommen	Web	Between Electricity and Natural Gas, PSE is proposing an increase of over 13% to be effective as of April 2020. This should not be approved!! If it is approved, it needs to be implemented over several years & in small amounts. The consumers cannot afford this kind of price increase.. Sounds like someone needs to take a pay cut!!
	Peter Hartmaier	Web	While I understand rates increases, the reasons given make no sense and certainly do not justify a rate increase. 1) Investments in self service tools: they eliminate or reduce their own customer service personnel by having the consumer do all the data entry. These tools are justified on the reduction in cost and this justification needs to support a rate decrease not an increase. This is a nonsense. 2) To accommodate increased solar and battery use: So increased use of electricity means they need to increase the rates? It means more business. Solar can reduce peak generating loads during the day so this is also a justification for reducing rates not increasing them. More nonsense. 3) Cost recovery of natural gas assets: What have we been paying for todate? Our rate to date should include the depreciation of the assets. Now they want an increase for what we have been paying. More nonsense. Reject this increase and tell them to go back to school and learn how to do accounting and run a business.
	Jason VanHoof	Web	Puget Sound Energy is nothing but a monopoly that has many households by the short hairs. We are at their mercy simply because we have no other option. This gives PSE the power to hike the rates year after year, forcing us to pay more for and outdated infrastructure. The consumer has absolutely no control. Every household needs energy to survive and take care of our families. With the continually rising costs of energy along with groceries, gas, and other essential consumer goods, a lot of families are struggling to make ends meet. A lot of families are having to make hard choices like keeping the heat and lights on or putting food on the table while the greedy PSE executives line their pockets with more money than they will ever need. They never have to make those tough choices for their families. It's time for a change in this state. It's time we were offered a different option for energy. We should not be stuck with one choice. It's time to make it so families can live good and happy lives. I say NO to another rate hike!!
	Cliff Nutter	Web	Why do you want a rate increase when there is a glut of natural gas on the market. You should be lowering it. You should have reasons other than greed to raise rates.
	Miranda LeonJones	Web	To Whom It May Concern: I am asking that Utilities and Transportation Commission consider the health of Washingtonians and our beautiful state, instead of prioritizing the profit-mongering of PSE and their disgraceful commitment to squeezing money from fossil fuels despite all of the reasons that it's time for our state to transition away from polluting and hazardous fossil fuels. I urge the Commission to please stop rubber stamping rate hikes for monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels!

		<p>Puget Sound Energy has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. Now they're back for more.</p> <p>Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system.</p> <p>We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.</p> <p>This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p> <p>PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It's inevitable that this won't be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age.</p> <p>This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part.</p> <p>In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that “PSE's next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled,” demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.</p> <p>-When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.</p> <p>Thank You for taking my concerns into consideration. I hope the Commission will heed science and put the health of Washington ahead of the reckless profiteering of PSE.</p>
	Gabby Gauthier	Web <p>I am writing to oppose the Tacoma LNG plant. Here in Washington state we have many renewable sources of energy--we don't need to compromise our environment, particularly on Puyallup tribal land. I also strongly oppose the implementation of a rate hike to fund this project. This essentially amounts to consumers like myself paying to put our environment at risk. Please please please do not implement this rate hike!</p>
	Linda Ford	Web <p>I had a little mobile home at 8704 143rd Ave Ct E in Puyallup for eight and a half years. Besides the property management company that came in about five years ago and began raising the rents and no longer paying for water, instead putting in water meters, I also would suffer from acute anxiety every winter because my lowest electric bill in the summer months would be around \$42, while the winter months could see highs of \$236. Being on a fixed income, I had to take a part time job just to make ends meet, and I made the decision to sell my beautiful little home because I saw the writing on the wall. Not only was the property management going to</p>

			<p>continue their raises, but Puget Sound Energy always asks for a raise in rates on an annual basis. When I have to decide whether to buy food and gasoline or to pay my electric bill, THAT sucks. Especially when the CEO is getting millions!</p> <p>I will never understand the greed that has taken over this entire country. It seems that those who have, will never, ever have enough, and the cost of that is always being put on those who are merely getting by. You should be ashamed of yourselves.</p>
	Stephanie Barbee	Web	<p>Dear Commissioners and UTC Staff,</p> <p>Thank you for consulting the public. Because of the heat-trapping properties of methane and damaging social costs of fracking for the communities near the places of its extraction, I follow PSE's actions rather closely and this is what I have to say:</p> <p>I strongly oppose PSE's request to raise rates on gas and electricity customers. Please REJECT their request in light of evidence of carbon-driven climate change and accelerated impacts to life, land and water in our state. As a rate payor I would be willing to pay more if assured that 100% of it was to finance the transition to green, renewable energy and advanced energy conservation and storage, but NOT to build out more fossil fuel infrastructure at this stage of climate disruption. It is URGENT that you stand up for us, the residents of Washington State, that you notice the direction that our legislators and governor are going as they respond to our calls for change in policy. We need to move to our zero carbon economy IMMEDIATELY if we want to leave a livable world to our children and grandchildren. It is unjust to pay a private corporation with investors that benefit from its activities to finance projects that put us at risk. It is your job to mediate between our monopoly utilities and the people. Please do not let them take advantage of us in this way. Please be brave and deny this rate increase. I am enclosing links to a couple articles to support my statement. Thank you for taking time to consider these comments.</p> <p>https://www.ucsusa.org/resources/climate-risks-natural-gas https://www.vox.com/energy-and-environment/2019/5/30/18643819/climate-change-natural-gas-middle-ground</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Stephanie Barbee</p>
	T. Armon	Web	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Against any rate increase! Already too high! * Seniors [Aged 55+], Disabled & Vets should be exempt from any increases ultimately approved. * Seniors [Aged 55+], Disabled & Vets should be granted 25% discounted rates going forward.
	Wei Wang	Web	<p>I think the proposed rate increase is excessive considering the very low inflation rate. It will have a negative impact on the affordability to many families living within PSE's service area who are already stretched thin financially. PSE should take a hard look at their cost structure and strive to operate more efficiently instead of</p>

			depending on excessive rate increases. To protect public interest, please reject the proposed rate increase. Thank you.
	Radka Chapin	Web	<p>I strongly oppose PSE raising their rates.</p> <p>Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system.</p> <p>We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.</p> <p>This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p> <p>PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It’s inevitable that this won’t be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age.</p> <p>This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE’s part.</p> <p>In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that “PSE’s next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled,” demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn’t be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it’s economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.</p> <p>-When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.</p>
	Kathryn Oscen-senda	Web	I am against the increase in prices unless they can show that they will be carbon neutral by 2050.
	Kimberly Danke	Web	<p>I strongly object to this rate increase by PSE. It's not the money - I would be open to considering an increase if they were going to use it to move toward renewable energy, but NOT when it is to prop up their use of fossil fuels that their customers have told them repeatedly they want them to get out of. It is simply not right to make us complicit in the ongoing climate emergency. Especially not when PSE blatantly proceeds with unwanted, dangerous projects like the LNG plant in Tacoma where I and other Washington residents are being asked to pay over 40% of the costs for a minimal return, sinking millions of dollars into fossil fuel infrastructure at a time they need to be getting out. Approving another rate increase only emboldens the company to continue to ignore their customers' demands and the realities of the direction they must head to be economically viable in the long-term and maintain a livable planet. Please do not give in to them - enough is enough.</p>

	Deborah M Benz	Web	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The rate increases are unreasonably high. 2. PSE's flyer states, "Customers pay for these returns (the rate hikes) in order to service debt expenses and provide the opportunity for shareholders to earn a fair return on their investment."
	D.H. DALE	Web	<p>Living in Skagit County why do I have to drive to Lacy or Bellevue for a public hearing regarding a rate increase for PSE? OH, YES there is a phone "call in" or Skype....sure this so representative for Baby Boomers and OLDER! UTC is failing the public.....regarding input from PSE users! I am getting a 1.6% Social Security increase which is based on inflation and the PSE rate increase for my electrical would increase by 7.67%. Okay you UTC folks, please do a thorough review of this proposed utility increase that is justified and supportable. Thank You.....</p>
	Tom Johnston, M.Ed., M.U.P	Web	<p>I'M SPEAKING OUT AGAINST PSE ATTEMPT TO RAISE GAS & ELECTRIC RATES TO PAY FOR A CLIMATE DESTROYING GAS LIQUEFACTION PLANT THAT WOULD SHIP US FRACKED GAS OVERSEAS.</p> <p>PSE plans to raise electric rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9% in order to pay for a gas liquefaction plant they are illegally building near Tacoma. They are taking comments on this outrage until Thursday, Feb 6, 2020.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unlike publicly-owned energy utilities that are cheaper, cleaner, and provide more reliable service, privately-held Puget Sound Energy gets more than 60% of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas. 2. THE WASHINGTON STATE Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTE) MUST stop rubber-stamping rate hikes for foreign-owned monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels! 3. Puget Sound Energy has already raised fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. Now they're back for more. 4. IT's essential to phase out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system. We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message. 5. This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available? 6. PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It's inevitable that this won't be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age. 7. The Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be asked to pay for more than 40% of the project. This is not fair or permissible.

8. The Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part.
9. In 2017 the UTC stated that "PSE's next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or canceled," demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk.
10. Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.
11. When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.
12. PSE spends tons of money greenwashing.
13. PSE is part of \$1M PR campaign to fight any initiatives that curb fossil fuel use: "The gas companies are forming a coalition of unions, businesses and consumer groups to tout the benefits of natural gas and to help "prevent or defeat" initiatives that inhibit its use, according to internal industry documents obtained by The Seattle Times. They're calling the coalition "Partners for Energy Progress," and a public launch is scheduled next year."
Shareholders are guaranteed return on infrastructure investments of around 10%. Thus they make money on destroying the planet and selling the results overseas. They are not a US public utility.
14. From 2016 to 2018, PSE spent over \$1,742,000 on lobbyists in Olympia. That's almost \$400,000 more than Amazon spent on lobbying during the same period. Between 2008 and 2018, PSE gave \$665,598 to candidates across Washington.
15. Over the last 10 years, according to Sightline, PSE's total political spending in Washington was about \$7 million (compared to \$2 million from Amazon). That money is donated to candidates, spent on lobbying, and used to fund special interest PACs like the one it's supporting this year in Seattle.
In 2012, for example, there was a ballot measure to switch Thurston County, where Olympia is located, from relying on PSE as a publicly owned utility. It turned into the most expensive election in Thurston County history. PSE spent more than \$400,000 against the measure, which ultimately wasn't approved by voters.
16. In October of 2018, PSE was taken over by British Columbia Investment Management Corporation and the

			<p>Alberta Investment Management Corporation, Canadian pension funds that currently control 90 percent of the company that are heavily invested in oil and fracked gas operations.</p> <p>17. “More than \$3 billion of the \$135.5 billion managed by the British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (BCI) is invested in the top 200 publicly traded oil and gas companies,” reports CBC. As a resident of Kirkland, WA, I do not want my power company making profits from my utility costs. I want my power company to be focused on doing its job: providing excellent products and services for its customers.</p>
	Bob Jacobs	Web	<p>I am concerned that we PSE customers are being required to fund fossil fuel projects when we pay our bills.</p> <p>Renewable energy is now more economical as well as better for the planet.</p>
	HILLARY SANDERS	Web	<p>As a PSE ratepayer, I am frustrated that rates keep getting increased so that PSE and other corporations can make more money and increase their influence. We should be working to dismantle fracked gas infrastructure, and I believe that UTC approving huge rate increases - especially after there was just one in November 2019 - sends the wrong message. Puget Sound Energy has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% as of November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices.</p> <p>When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction sites, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.</p> <p>Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options. This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part.</p> <p>In closing - I don't feel it would be good policy to move forward with this rate increase. There is too much at stake in communities throughout western Washington to allow fracked gas infrastructure to expand without limitations. The way I see it, UTC is in a unique position to impose commonsense limitations and stop imposing rate increases upon the people. PSE is assuming that they can ask for more and more not be responsible for the impacts to ratepayers themselves. This rate increase is not in the best interests of the public and therefore should not be permitted.</p>

	Susan Roser	Web	I'm totally against the rate hike and the new Tacoma plant that would require shipping fracked gas overseas. I'm extremely concerned about climate impact and believe this is putting corporate above what is healthy and sane for our environment.
	EDWARD T MORGAN	Web	PSE is proposing raising its rates 6.12% for electricity and 7.52% for natural gas. The price of natural gas, which also relates in part to the cost of electricity, has gone DOWN in the past few years (https://www.macrotrends.net/2478/natural-gas-prices-historical-chart), so PSE should be reducing prices, not raising them at 3-4x the rate of inflation. It would be outrageous for these increases to be allowed.
	Robert and Delores Stroud	Web	Please deny this request. Retirees (such as our family) do not have commensurate increases in our incomes, and this rise is exorbitant. At the very least, but it by half or two-thirds.
	Carmen Unger	Web	Taken by CTC I have already paying for many, many years which I been in this house and every time it keeps increasing, increasing, increasing. I think being a teacher that doesn't earn much part time and due to the taxes in this city it's way over my budget to be able to pay higher rates at this point and as a citizen I will trying forever to save as much, in fact I can't turn on my gas for example until practically snow starts. I try to turn off my flights, unplug things, I try everything and, you know-- The electrical thing keeps going up. For example, well I call before about the power lines too when they come to cut it out especially at the end of the corner of my place and I suggested to Puget Sound to just if they want to take those trees out instead of wasting money in calling other company to come cut one side of trees, which is side of the street and makes the trees get lean towards my home and my property because they don't have a balance. I propose instead of coming every other year to cut it out. I been about 40 years in this house, why don't you just take the trees out and it will be less money than paying somebody to come and trim it every other year. I know they had come and changed the electrical monitor, not at our request, I think the other was okay; I don't know the reason why but they already change it. The other was working fine, I don't know if there's any other important thing, I notice in this country they take out buildings, they take out things that are working so good just to make it so--another in the same spot. To me, in my country, we could save more things, it's a waste of money when things are working. If they wouldn't work, I understand. I think to change all that; honestly, is a waste of money and time. I feel we are very wasteful in many things and think we could be a bigger, stronger country if we just conserve things that still work and don't need replacement in order to save money for everybody.
	Mary Royal	Web	Since the cost of living increase for seniors and disabled people receiving social security benefits for 2019 is less than 2%, I oppose the 6% increase.
	dc steinwright	Web	Regarding the proposed rate hikes: a rate hike of 7% at one time is not supported by income increases. the consumers of PSE do not see their incomes rise by 7% annually. if all essential costs rise at a rate 3x faster than our incomes are rising, this is unsustainable. Profits need to wait. essential products need to stay in line with average income increases at most. Then consider, if all essential services mirror income increases, an individual never actually sees a net increase in their income. Return to investors need to wait. Reinvest profits in the infrastructure, delivery, research, etc...; instead of stripping profits out of the company for investors, and raising the prices at 4 times the rate of inflation. NO

	Rona Smith	Web	I would urge the committee to not approve this. Every year they approve it and it has ranged from 7 percent to 15 percent increase over the past 10 years. No one gets that kind of income rate increase. Now we are on Social Security income and don't get that kind of increase. It will make it tough if they increase it 15 percent. Every year I wonder why they approve the increase?
	James and Lee Arcari	Web	We have recently received notice of "PSE rate change request" UE-190529. The percentage increases requested seem extremely high, considering the increase on my husbands social security is 1.6% for 2020 an PSE is asking for residential increase of 7.7%. We cannot understand how they can request such a large increase (go in high and hope that they will get half?). With seniors trying to get by on limited income this request is extreme! And that is just addressing the residential rate, I am sure that all the requested increase will all so impact us. All businesses will just pass on their increases so the cost of everything else will certainly rise for the general public. And as far as the reason PSE want such huge increases -who can even follow what they are saying (I have been in the accounting field for many years and I can follow it, but some of it has to due with them recovering the cost of depreciation expenses. I am sure they enjoy a nice tax deduction for the depreciation expense. And them trying to make sure that their "shareholders get a fair ROR" really, how luck are they not to have risk in their investments? I would appreciate a long hard look at the rate request since we have no other option for our electric then PSE. Thank You for hearing our concern.
	John Wright	Web	I have received Puget's mailer on their purposed rate increases. Puget is seeking your approval for these rate increases. One of my objections with this rate increase is with the magnitude of their request. My income is fixed so I watch the percentage of increases sought for from all companies, and 6.12% (electric) and 7.52% (Gas) is extreme compared to the COLA (at 1.6%) the Federal government has determined for all 2020 Social Security individuals. I relate the COLA to the cost of living we all face each year. I realize costs are rising, but seeking rate increases that are 300% greater than the COLA is out of range for this utility. I also reject Puget's special reasoning that they are due increase rate structures to accommodate rising levels of green energy. Whether it is green energy or normal load growth from increasing housing or business expansion, Puget will be compensated through their existing rate structure for this added electrical load. Their System Planning Departments are forecasting load growths 5, 10, 15 and 20 years in advance, and the system improvement projects from this forecasted load growth are interwoven into their yearly operating budget. Added income should not be needed if proper planning is accomplished that focuses on where improvements are most needed. I also don't believe I should be punished (added rate increase) for those pursuing solar power panels, battery powered vehicles, etc. The electric infrastructure investments for these green sources of power should not be passed onto existing customers, but to all new green customers or existing customers converting to green power sources. If green power adds load to the existing power system, pass the added system improvement costs onto those "green" pursuing customers, not the general population. From watching my son with their new electrical vehicle, the added expenses for this green powered vehicle is on them who needed to rewire their residences to accommodate their electric vehicle. The same is true for customers who choose to go with solar panels, pass the added system costs onto them. I realize the power utilities will need to add protective relaying to protect their power system from green power generating sources, but that should be passed onto the customer as well (the

			<p>one who is developing their green power source), not subsidized by the other electrical customers of the utility. Well, this is my input to your rate review process, thanks!</p>
	Querido Galdo	Web	<p>I am strongly opposed to Puget Sound Energy's proposed gas and electric utility rate hikes. PSE received a 14% gas rate increase November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. PSE also received \$96.5 million in federal tax breaks just last year. Doesn't sound like they need more ratepayer money to me.</p> <p>I've also learned WUTC intends to allow PSE to pass on nearly half of the construction costs of the controversial Tacoma LNG fracked gas storage facility even though residential customer use would account for less than 2% of the project. That takes serious cojones on both PSE's part and UTC's. Both organizations need to take a cold hard look at Australia's current climate situation, read the handwriting on the wall, stop investing in ANY fossil fuel infrastructure and start working on all renewable energy NOW.</p> <p>I support rate hikes only in service of renewable sustainable energy. PERIOD.</p>
	Brenda Kostelecky	Web	<p>I am writing to oppose PSE proposed rate hike. Any rate increase should only be approved with substantial, measurable, verifiable PSE investments in clean energy that respect community rights and wishes in western Washington. PSE continues to invest more heavily in LNG infrastructure whereas every major study looking at how to meet climate targets requires phasing out fossil fuels, including natural gas. UTC approving PSE's rate increase without strong clean energy accountability will encourage further PSE investment in infrastructure that will keep us dependent on fossil fuels for decades.</p> <p>When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, violation of indigenous rights/treaties, and the escalating climate crisis.</p>
	Iлона Lindsay	Web	<p>I oppose the proposed PSE rate increases for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) this rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available? 2) PSE does not need more money. CEO Kimberly Harris made \$7.6 million in compensation in 2018. From 2016 to 2018, PSE spent over \$1,742,000 on lobbyists in Olympia. That's almost \$400,000 more than Amazon spent on lobbying during the same period. Puget Sound Energy has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. 3) PSE business practices are destroying the environment. When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of

			<p>freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.</p> <p>It's time that our state Utilities and Transportation Commission sides with the people and stop rubber stamping rate hikes for monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels!</p> <p>Sincerely, Ilona Lindsay</p>
	Johnson Bonser Amboga	Web	<p>Generally, the cost of living is gone high. Im recent times, The said energy company has been raising rates very frequently. That is an indication that they are more interested in big margins of profit than giving the services that affect consumers' lives across the board.</p> <p>Even if the company genuinely wished to increase the rated it is not reasonable to do so with a \$5.00 difference in just one time.</p>
	Michael Leo	Web	<p>I am in complete disagreement with PSE's proposed rate hikes. PSE customers already have some of the highest electricity rates in WA. Affecting me directly in my neighborhood, PSE is building un-needed infrastructure such as Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG facility in order to raise rates and increase profits for their shareholders.</p> <p>I would consider supporting rate increases that supported -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - Cleaner energy - - Increased safety - - Improved quality of life and aesthetics in our neighborhoods - - Preservation of trees - - Improved reliability - - Smart technology and micro-grids to maintain power after disasters like earthquakes or malicious attacks - - More transparent reporting and accountability - - Faster response to outages - - Better vegetation management - - More undergrounding of wires <p>Thank you for allowing me to comment. Michael Leo</p>

Deborah Brazle	Web	<p>This is Deborah brazle and I'm on a fixed income I can't afford anymore price increases. I barely can make it right now with my energy assistance. I won't be able to live in my house if the rate goes up. Please don't ! I would attend but I'm disabled and this cold weather is making it impossible for me to get around and on top of it all I can't afford the gas.</p> <p>Thank you Mrs. Brazle 26644 190th Ave SE Covington wa 98042 ue 190529 ug 190530</p>
Tina Kelly	Web	<p>In regards to Docket UE-190529, I do not agree with this rate increase. 6-12% increase is ridiculous. The notice says, "The electric and natural gas requests are based on a proposed rate of return (ROR) on rate base of 7.62% with a common equity ratio of 48.5% and a 9.8% return on equity (ROE). Customers pay for these returns in order to service debt expenses and provide the opportunity for shareholders to earn a fair return on their investment." There is nothing fair about this to the customer. The Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) has routinely rubber stamped these seemingly annual rate hikes from PSE without regard to the customers that are affected. The UTC needs to stop this and roll back rates - not increase them.</p>
Evelyn Grayson	Web	<p>Taken by CTC This year, I turn 80 years old and I am on a limited budget-income. But, you know, it's something that I've always been able to pay and will continue to pay of course as we want our electric and natural gas. Other than that, that's my concern is certain people don't think anything of it and others have to consider that in their budget.</p>
Ruth Martinez	Web	<p>Federal retirees are receiving a 1.6% cost of living increase in the coming year while this company is proposing increases of 6.9% and 7.9%. This comparison shows that PSE is looking for much more than any increase in their costs, putting a severe burden on their customers to "find" the additional funds to pay for these essential services.</p>
Brian Summers	Web	<p>PSE is requesting too high of a rate increase. I didn't get 6% salary increase, I cant afford for my electric bill to go up 6%. They need to quit wasting money on generation systems that cost more to operate. They need to quit wasting money on all those flyers they stuff in the billing envelopes that no one looks at. YOU, the UTC, need to look at allowing companies to set up nuclear power plants in Washington state. A newer and standardized design should be perfectly safe and more cost effective to operate.</p>
Kristofer Straub	Web	<p>Dear WSUTC Staff,</p> <p>I urge you to reject PSE's request to approve an additional 6.9% in electricity revenue and 7.9% in additional natural gas revenue. 1) Most of PSE's energy comes from fracked gas, which is dangerous and harms our environment, which is already suffering with increasing EPA rollbacks. We shouldn't be encouraging this kind of energy. 2) It's not safe. PSE had two gas leaks in Seattle 2019 that harmed workers. 3) PSE should abosrb these costs if they want to build it, not pass on these to rate payers. They just hiked rates in 2019. 5) Please</p>

			<p>invest in cheaper, safer, cleaner energy for our future. Public utilities are the way to go. I'm tired of PSE lobbying in my community and in Olympia.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Kris Straub</p>
	Joan Nolan	Web	<p>I oppose PSE's rate increase proposal. PSE has not provided clarity on why a rate increase is needed so why should the public pay more? PSE does not provide transparency. In the case of the Energize Eastside proposal, PSE has not provided electricity usage data for third parties to examine to determine true need, even when these third parties obtain clearance. There needs to be proof of need for projects and rate increases before the public is expected to pay for these both financially and environmentally. Foreign owned PSE does not appear to support neighborhood values such as carbon reduction and undergrounding powerlines. PSE should think about the legacy they leave on the ground for the people who live here; we do not want trees down, ugly power lines, etc. I support 21st century maintenance and improvements; when I learn that PSE is implementing these and there is a real need for a rate increase to support these, then I will support a rate increase.</p>
	Helena Abernethy	Web	<p>Please don't allow Puget Sound Energy to increase rates to pay for the Tacoma Liquefied Natural Gas project. It's vitally important for us to phase out fracked gas for the sake of our environment, and approving this rate increase to fund this project is a step in the wrong direction. Customers will barely use the services provided by the Tacoma LNG (only 2% of infrastructure is designed for residential customers), but through rate increases, PSE plans to pass on 43% of the costs to us. Besides, Puget Sound Energy doesn't need more money--they spent 7.6 million dollars compensating their CEO in 2018 alone and poured over 600,000 dollars into our local elections in the decade between 2008 and 2018 (https://www.sightline.org/2018/04/25/how-the-fracked-gas-industry-plays-politics-in-washington/). Please, take the side of the customers and people of Puget Sound. Say no to fossil fuels and reject this proposal.</p>
	David Gamrath	Web	<p>Puget Sound Energy (PSE) has filed for another rate increase for residential customers, even though they raised rates by 14% just months ago. PSE is building the controversial Tacoma LNG project, and although less than 2% of this infrastructure is designed for residential customers, they plan to pass on 43% of the construction costs in the form of higher utility rates. This is outrageous on two levels. First, residential customers should not be charged for non-residential infrastructure. Second, capital investments from this point forward should be for clean energy only. Australia is burning. California burns annually. The Midwest floods annually. Record weather extremes are now normal. Ice is melting and sea levels are rising. Kindly figure out the obvious and step up to clean energy. We can't afford selfishness, short-sightedness, denial or stupidity any longer.</p>
	Jen McGill	Web	<p>The recent rise in PSE charges has already made it hard on many people. As a retired senior this is challenging for me personally, but there are many more who are far worse off and already struggling to just make ends meet. Moreover, many of us are passionately AGAINST fracking and LNG in the first place! We need to be moving AWAY from fossil fuel use: we are ruining this planet with pollution, and all life on it. To be required now as a customer of this company to also PAY significantly more to the company for this use we already object to, is</p>

			<p>just unconscionable.</p> <p>This is at the core of what is wrong in this country. Profits of mega companies and their CEOs are decided by those very people, to be paramount; and the lives of the rest of us are just to be squeezed as much as necessary to ensure the increased riches of the company and those in charge--irrespective of whether many will lose their ability to afford to stay in their homes as a result, or to pay for food, or get the medical care they need. Our homeless population will soar, and the homeless themselves will then be blamed. Shame on PSE for being so blatantly a part of this disgusting oligarchal system!</p> <p>It is time to break up these big companies once and for all, and create worker-owned co-ops where people matter more than profits for those few self-called 'elites' at the top. As you can likely tell, I am very angry about this; not just personally, but for the general population here in Washington.</p>
	Julian Pietras	Web	<p>Self service tools should be part of their business plan rather than adding costs for such services. On line service tools are not used. Rates have increased over past few years and should not be supported in our current environment and economic times</p>
	Kara Sweidel	Web	<p>It is inappropriate for PSE to pass on yet another rate increase to customers. They clearly don't have a budget crisis if CEO Kimberley Harris made \$7.6 million in 2018. They just had a rate increase of 14% in November. But more importantly, they are banking on dangerous and outdated energy sources to provide electricity. "Natural" gas is NOT a bridge fuel, as it was once believed. When factoring in the entire lifecycle of methane from extraction to point of use, the impacts can be up to 86 times worse than carbon dioxide for the atmosphere. As we are facing climate catastrophe, we should not be allowing a highly profitable company to exploit us, the customers, for even more money at the expense of our planet. PSE has shown their lack of concern for people and planet with the building of the LNG facility in Tacoma. This facility will only be used for ratepayers about 2% of the time, while our money has and will pay for 40% of the project. Additionally, the use of outdated science in the EIS illustrates a lack of concern for the well-being of the ratepayers. And the blast zone in the event of an explosion at the facility is larger than what was initially shared publicly. Why should we have to pay more for energy from a company that makes such poor decisions? They should see the writing on the wall and be working towards renewable energy sources rather than locking us in to a future of a dying energy source. Finally, though they try to paint themselves this way, they are not a local company. Their interests do not lie with those of us living here, now, paying for their shameful business practices. I urge you to deny them their rate increase.</p>
	David S Goldstein	Web	<p>We are in a climate crisis. Investing in any kind of fossil fuel energy is immoral. I strongly oppose this proposal for a liquid natural gas plant in Tacoma.</p>
	Beverly E Naidus	Web	<p>Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system.</p> <p>We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.</p> <p>This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be</p>

			<p>forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p> <p>PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It's inevitable that this won't be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age. This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part.</p> <p>In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that "PSE's next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled," demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.</p> <p>-When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.</p>
	Zachary Skagen	Web	It's already so unaffordable! I can't believe the UTC is allowing a humongous rate increase! This is absurd!
	Mark Houglum	Web	I can see no benefit to the rate increase proposed by PSE. They do not take climate change seriously as they continue to move ahead with Energize Eastside with older infrastructure models and technology. No rate increase until they are earth friendly -- not just stockholder friendly.
	Karen Kraft	Web	I am calling to say I am against the proposal. We have solar panels on our house providing energy to Puget Sound Energy and there has been no increase for the energy being provided so they can't have it both ways.
	Ellen Sawyer	Web	<p>Comment taken over the phone by UTC employee John T.</p> <p>I am low income, getting Social Security. Once a year they give us a slight raise, supposedly to take care of the cost of living, but I really don't think so. Being low income, living in a low income apartment, they raise our rent each time we get an increase in our Social Security. Now you want to raise our electric bill, in a way it's unfair to those of us who are now retired, and have no other income coming in.</p> <p>I'm 75, and I just went through a knee operation. It's ok, I'm working with it, but I'm unable to get a job. Living in Yelm there's no place that will hire me, and I have no car. I Cannot really put more money into my income, but people think I can and they take more money out of it. It hurts us. I'm not the only one out here. It really hurts. I put in for food stamps and receive \$16 a month. I make \$1023 a month in income, and \$16 is going to feed me.</p>

			<p>If they could do something to help out the low income people that they don't have to raise our rates, that would be nice. I would like to see something like that. It's hard to find people out there that really understand this. We sit there and watch Olympia giving themselves raises. They already make so much money it's unreal, but we can't give ourselves raises. I'm hoping that this request is not approved as I just can't afford it.</p>
	Stella Kemper	Web	<p>I am very concerned that PSE is proposing further rate hikes on their services without any meaningful commitment to pursuing alternative energy infrastructure. PSE as a private company has a virtual monopoly in the area on necessary services, and they are clearly making decisions that serve their bottom line over the wellbeing or sustainability of the community. Their construction of the LNG facility, in violation of treaty agreements with the Puyallup Tribe, without proper permits, and in the face of extremely well-founded environmental concerns, is extremely worrisome. We know the plant isn't safe in proximity to many many homes (mine included, only a couple miles from the port), we know gas pipelines aren't safe, and we know fossil fuels aren't sustainable.</p> <p>On the other side, we know that Washingtonians support alternative energy. When homeowners could get major rebates on installing solar panels to make their projects actually break even over a 20 year estimate, the program filled nearly two years before estimated. However that program hasn't been renewed, and other PSE rebate programs for converting to high-efficiency appliances are lacking in comparison to the cost of these appliances and installation.</p> <p>We need to be supporting policy that shows a path to a sustainable future, not just trying to slap a bandaid on issues created from the bad decisions of the past. Just having invested previously in gas infrastructure doesn't mean we should be held hostage to fossil fuels for as long as possible. If PSE wants more money from users then they should be demonstrating how that money will benefit the future of our community.</p>
	Robert E Fairbanks	Web	<p>Increases of the magnitude proposed by PSE will place a burden on those of use on fixed incomes. For example, my social security cost of living increase for 2020 was less than half of the proposed increases. Please provide some relief and stability to your seniors.</p>
	Mostafa Houali	Web	<p>Unlike publicly owned energy utilities that are cheaper, cleaner, and provide more reliable service, privately held Puget Sound Energy gets more than 60% of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas. It's time that our state Utilities and Transportation Commission sides with the people and stop rubber stamping rate hikes for monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels! Puget Sound Energy has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. Now they're back for more.</p> <p>Please stop this and work to have a publicly owned company to provide us with gas/ electricity at a cheaper and cleaner cost.</p> <p>Mostafa Houali</p>
	Lori Winnemuller	Web	<p>I attended the meeting at Bellevue City Hall last evening (1-22-20) but as it was my first such meeting attendance, I chose not to speak publicly. I learned about the meeting through 350 Seattle, though I am not an</p>

			<p>active member of that group. I am first and foremost an environmentalist and also a PSE customer. I concur with what many of the speakers said during the meeting last night regarding the need to leave fossil fuels in the ground, the illegality of the LNG plant being built in Tacoma, the lack of effort by PSE to pursue and invest fully in clean energy, and the injustice in PSE charging their customers for services and products they are not receiving. I am opposed to the rate increase for all of these reasons.</p> <p>After listening to the statements made last evening, I was struck by two things regarding the role of the UTC. As a number of speakers pointed it, your Mission Statement indicates that safety is a priority. The use of fossil fuels is fueling unsafe conditions for our planet. As a government run agency, the UTC's responsibility is to protect our citizens and provide for our safety. Given these two statements, I believe it behooves the UTC to oppose the PSE rate hike and to use your position to influence them to move toward clean energy.</p>
	Zak Nelson	Web	<p>Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system.</p> <p>We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.</p> <p>This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p>
	Barbara Phinney	Web	<p>We have an existential Climate Emergency. No more fossil fuel infrastructure! As a PSE customer I don't want to pay for while PSE takes in profits. We need to go green. We need publicly owned utilities.</p>
	Janeen Provazek	Web	<p>I am aghast that PSE is, once again, asking for a new gas/electric utility rate hike. Really? They received one in November even though market gas prices were down 50% They also received a huge federal tax break last year. Now they want to burden us taxpayers again! Their greed is over the top. More importantly, We are in Climate Emergency. My husband and I do not want to continue feeding the coffers of this fossil fuel industry, which really needs to redirect its resources to renewable energy sources. Our earths is in danger!</p>
	Lacey Ramsey	Web	
	Elizabeth Standal	Web	<p>I'm writing as a customer of Puget Sound Energy. Puget Sound Energy has asked the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission to approve an additional 6.9% in electricity revenue and 7.9% in additional natural gas revenue. I urge the UTC to side with the people of Washington State who do not want continued dependence on dirty and unsafe fossil fuels. Instead of approving rate increases, please begin the necessary work of dismantling fracked gas infrastructure. This is for the sake of all of our grandchildren and the generations to follow.</p>
	Hanna Floss	Web	<p>Puget Sound Energy (PSE), a for-profit gas and electric utility provider, has filed for another rate increase for residential customers, even though they already raised rates for gas customers by 14% just a couple months ago! PSE is the company building the controversial Tacoma LNG fracked gas refinery and storage project. Although less than 2% of this infrastructure is designed for their residential customers as backup power on the coldest</p>

			<p>days of the year, PSE expects to pass on over 40% of the construction costs in the form of higher utility rates. PSE's requests for higher rates are unjustified.</p> <p>Until state law that was passed in 2019 started pushing PSE to change their resource mix, PSE was getting over 60% of their energy from fossil fuels and wanted to expand "natural gas" infrastructure while ignoring the potential of solar, wind, and grid optimization. "Natural gas" is really just methane gas, a potent heat-trapping greenhouse gas, mostly sourced from fracking--which causes severe health complications, groundwater contamination, earthquakes near extraction sites and is often located near or on indigenous land. PSE cannot justify raising rates while they continue to press for climate-damaging fracked gas rather than renewables. PSE is holding back local clean energy initiatives. As part of the newly formed group "Partners for Energy Progress," PSE plans to launch a \$1M campaign in the PNW to push back against any local initiatives designed at transitioning away from fossil fuels, such as banning gas hookups in new infrastructure. According to Sightline Institute, between 2008 & 2018, PSE spent about \$7 million in WA, funding political candidates, PAC's, and lobbying! Before PSE is allowed to raise rates, they should be required to stop wasting the money of ratepayers in this way. NO RATE HIKE!</p>
	Melinda Carbon	Web	<p>These comments are regarding PSE Rate Case, dockets UE-190529 (electric) and UG-190530 (gas)</p> <p>When you consider this proposed rate increase, please keep in mind that PSE customers already have some of the highest electricity rates in the state.</p> <p>In addition, PSE is building unnecessary infrastructure such as Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG facility in order to raise their rates and increase their profits.</p> <p>Finally, before PSE is allowed to raise their rates, I would like to see them make a commitment to cleaner energy, preservation of trees, increased reliability, and faster response to outages.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
	Andrea del Moral	Web	<p>Based on market rates for natural gas going down by 50% in November 2019, I opposed the recent 14% rate hike. Furthermore, the proposed additional hike should not be approved, given that the expanded infrastructure barely benefits residential customers. This increase serves only to increase profits for a private company, not to cover actual expenses of serving the residential community to whom it provides power services.</p>
	James Whitlatch	Web	<p>Taken by CTC</p> <p>I'm 77 years old, my wife died two and a half years ago. I cannot afford to have a 6.21% increase in my electrical bill because I just can't. I'm barely making it as it is. This rate would really hurt and I don't have power on--very, very seldom, to keep my electrical bill down where I can afford to pay it. I've watched a lot of the workers with Puget Sound Energy and they're in like-slow motion. This rate increase kind of irritates me when I see these guys out there, like three or four guys standing out there doing nothing. I know they're being paid an extremely high rate so this rate increase really irritates me. I'm against the rate increase so, I guess that's all I can say or do since I can't afford to drive down to the meeting.</p>

	Carol Laskowski	Web	The largest percentage of energy from this company is based on coal. I am unwilling to support a rate hike unless the percentage of energy from coal is decreased to a smaller percentage. I am willing to pay more, but not for coal fired energy. This is not right for a company that is Australian owned.
	Cheryl Mahan	Web	Inflation rate is below 2%. Natural gas is plentiful. A 7.7 and 7.5 rate increase is outrageous. Who really cares about self service tools to interact with PSE-waste of money. I use gas and electric. I receive a bill and pay it. Why would I interact with PSE beyond that relationship? Increased solar, battery storage and electric vehicles shouldn't raise my electric bill. The proposed rate increase should be below 2%.
	David Downing	Web	I do not support Puget Sound Energy's request for a rate increase. The rate increase is not commiserate with the average cost of living increases and far and away outpaces the proposed being proposed by my organization but not yet approved and exceeds the total COLA my organization has authorized the previous 3 years.
	Tina Bixby	Web	<p>This is in reference to docket # UE-190529</p> <p>I strongly opposed this rate increase as well as the change in the tier price structure from 1200 watts for the first tier to 600 watts. This unfairly impacts residents, particularly those like myself who are on fixed incomes. Our income as retired folks is just under \$40,000 per year. We will receive a 1.6% increase in social security this year, which is quickly absorbed by increase medical premiums.</p> <p>Puget Sound Energy is a very wealthy for profit company. I looked at the SEC report for the last year which shows executive compensation for the CEO is over \$8 million dollars per year. This is for the CEO only. Please look at this report: https://sec.report/Document/0001085392-19-000007/#s9C4B1C4A766950E3BB361CA8FBDF6312. The CEO's compensation of base salary increased by over \$40,000 with additional increases in bonuses, etc. Overall her compensation increased by almost \$3 million dollars in 3 years.</p> <p>Four other executives on the board also received substantial compensation and increases.</p> <p>This company has enough money to do this, yet claims it needs more money from the consumer to fund investments in technology, and alternative energy.</p> <p>Please deny this rate increase.</p>
	Trina	Web	PSE keeps raising gas and electric rates faster than cost of living increases cover. This may seem reasonable to meet their needs, but I don't see the benefits. Everyone justifies increasing rates and taxes here and there, but the homeowner faces ever increasing costs for utilities, sewer, water, garbage, property taxes, etc. What if you're retired? Please consider this, and don't increase rates above last year's rates. Thank you!
	Rich Remsen	Web	We in WA, pay the highest cell phone tax in the country, the 2nd. highest gas tax in the lower 48 states, and among highest state and local sales tax in the country. My property tax bill increased almost 1000\$ last year alone, with no improvements made on my property, it has more than tripled in the past 20 years. And our "thanks" for this soaking is to have voter approved I-976 put "on hold"? PSE now wants to charge us extra for our use of electric cars, solar and battery power? I don't remember "that" being in the sales pitches for those

			items. We have some of the richest companies and richest people in the world living here, get the money from them!
	Andre Unicum	Web	Increases in the cost of basic utilities impact everyone, especially the poor. While there are some programs available to assist with utility bills, many families still struggle. Given this, and the fact that UTC's own analysts determined that PSE can get by with a much more modest increase, I oppose the utility's proposed increases.
	Theresa Nuccio	Web	Please do not go through with plans to build the LNG project in Tacoma. Over 40% of the costs for this project are slated to be passed along to your consumers for only a small percentage of later energy production. The project will be obsolete before the company's twenty year projections have even come to pass, due to the environmental problems caused in part by use of natural gas. Instead, build infrastructure that does not contribute to the new "rust belt" being developed in the northwest. Focus on solar, wind, and updating or restoring the current electrical grid. Provide employment opportunities and training associated with renewable approaches. The Puyallup Tribe has opposed this project as well due to its proximity to indigenous land and lack of compliance with the intention of traditional treaties. As a resident of King County, I am opposed to this project and its environmental and economic impacts on the region. Thank you for your time and attention.
	Michael Shurgot	Web	I wish to emphasize a point that is often missing from discussions of local energy projects and developments. Because of the world-wide global warming crisis and the looming major changes in our climate, we cannot any longer pretend that a decision about energy use in any one city, or state, is just "local." All uses of carbon-based energy uses, including natural gas, contribute to the increasing of global warming and its terrible consequences. Fracked gas is just as destructive if burned here as is coal burned in Kentucky or China. We cannot continue to destroy this planet's wild places in our search for carbon-based energy, and fracked gas is no exception. I therefore urge to Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to reject any increased use of fracked gas in Washington State. Thank you. and remember that your children and especially your grand-children will thank you years from now halting further exploration for and use of fracked gas in our state.
	Scott Ellis	Web	We do not need more gas, fracked or otherwise. Climate change needs to be addressed by reducing the extraction and use of gas.
	seth ceely	Web	Please no rate increases, no further development of/reliance on fossil fuels. Take bold action. Assert leadership. Even Goldman Sachs has recently, taken significant steps to phase themselves out of investing in fossil fuel development projects. Thanks for hopefully considering these concerns.

	Assaf P Oron	Web	Please keep these fossil monopolies under control and accountable. Thank you.
	Carli Jipsen	Web	Puget Sound Energy has filed for a rate increase even though they just raised their rates significantly in November. A lot of their energy comes from fracked gas which is bad for the environment and not the fuel to sustain future generations. Also the increased money from the higher rates is directly funding fossil fuel projects in Tacoma, and the energy from those is not even going to serve the public that is paying for it. Monopoly private energy companies like Puget Sound Energy don't allow consumers to have a choice and therefore their money is unconsensually supporting environmentally detrimental projects that most energy users might not want to pay for. It is the governments responsibility to keep these companies in check and protect the best interest of the people.
	Melanie Moor/Kathrynn Lyle	Web	If PSE is going to raise our rates, please use the money for tree preservation and burying the electric wires underground. Otherwise NO NO NO on the dramatic rate hike!
	Fred Koontz	Web	
	Janet L Richter	Web	My "cost of living" increase at work doesn't even cover my health insurance increase -- this proposed increase by PSE is overly high. Prefer the recommended UTC rate (which is ample).
	Barbara Lau	Web	<p>I am strongly opposed to the rate hike PSE is proposing to be used to finance their continued expansion of their LNG facilities to serve overseas customers. Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system. We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message. This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p> <p>This is a very dirty deal that our families and children can NOT afford. Please for the sake of the future, do not approve of this rate hike.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Barbara Lau</p>
	Bernard Johnston	Web	He just received his social security increase for next year. It is a 1.7 percent increase with some withheld for Medicare. PSE's proposed increase is 7.7 percent for electric service. His other utilities are increasing too. He thinks someone should share these cost increases with social security.

	Vicki McMullin	Web	Climate change is real. We need to be working to dismantle fracked gas infrastructure. UTC approving a huge rate increase sends the wrong message. We should be purchasing cleaner, safer electricity, not bailing out BC companies who are trying to pay for a huge pipeline explosion. Meeting our climate change goals requires phasing out fracking gas. Do not approve this increase.
	Robin Hilde	Web	Taken by CTC There's a two-pronged request here. One is for electric, one for natural gas. The natural gas I don't have a problem with, but the electric one-because it says for investments in residential solar, storage, electric vehicles, for those infrastructure investments. My feeling is if I want a way to plug in my electric vehicle, I should be paying for it, not the other people. I don't think the rest of us should have to help these other people pay for whatever they want. If they want it, they should pay for it. I don't think people should be looking to others to help defray their expenses.
	Pamela Keeley	Web	No rate hikes! No LNG!
	Linda Boyd	Web	When PSE was sold to MacQuarie and a consortium of foreign investors they promised that we'd have cleaner energy, better service and low costs. However PSE is invested heavily in fossils fuels which puts us on track for human extinction. I have also seen the millions they have spent to undermine our elections and stop efforts to create public utilities. The public should not have to bear higher costs which will be used to invest in dirty fuel and line the pockets of state legislators and other officials. NO to the proposed rate hike. Thank you.
	Nancy Shimeall	Web	I have lived in the Puget Sound Region all of my life, and have been a PSE ratepayer for many years. Since watching the decline of so much of our natural environment here, including dying trees, polluted water, declining and dying sea life, and lack of snowpack, I have learned a great deal about the causes and the solutions. One thing is clear: PSE is an investor owned FOSSIL FUEL COMPANY that makes decisions for profit only. Evidence of this includes their plans to expand "LNG" infrastructure while claiming this is a green alternative. LNG is mostly fracked gas. It includes methane and other chemicals, from the extraction site through transport, to refining, to distribution. We know that methane is a greenhouse gas 86 times MORE potent than CO2. As a ratepayer I absolutely oppose their building of the LNG tank in Tacoma, done without my consent or concern, and for which we ratepayers are paying 40% of the cost, while it will provide us with only 2% of the supposed "benefit". I understand that the UTC considers the cost benefit to ratepayers of such rate increases. But the UTC should also consider the cost of increased climate issues that are a proven result of climate change, namely, wildfires, drought, rain bombs, lack of snowfall, and declining fisheries. Here in our region, we are witnesses to the costs

			<p>in both money and lives, to the for-profit decisions made by PSE.</p> <p>Until PSE proves itself to be concerned about human and environmental health, and until it invests solely in renewables that do not add to our crisis of polluted air and water, I will oppose all rate increases.</p> <p>Please consider the overall impact of PSE's fossil fuel plans when deciding on their rates.</p> <p>Thank you for all you are doing.</p>
	Stephen R Lindsey	Web	<p>This is a perfect example of why utilities should be a government managed non-profit. Other than the top 1%, wages for the the lower and middle class have been flat adjusted to inflation for about the last 30 years. When PSE was sold about 15 or so years ago I knew we were going to get higher bills to pay for the debt the new company would have after buying PSE. Whose wages have increased at the same rate of increase we have seen in our PSE bills? Wage growth except for the top who vote themselves tax cuts has been flat. I urge everyone to not allow any new rate increase whatsoever, and to tie any any future rate increases to the rate of real wage growth minus inflation for the same number of years the new rate is going to be. This is another monetary transfer from those who can least afford it to the investor class. I urge you to not allow this ongoing class war against the poor and middle class.</p>
	Gregory Robinson	Web	<p>Dockets UE-190529 and UG-190530. PSE is asking for a 6.12% increase on the former docket and 7.52% on the latter. I am no expert on utility rates, but today I was notified by Social Security that my increase for 2020 will be 1.6%. Theoretically the Social Security increase is based on inflation, and the PGE request is much higher than that. Why? Please do not approve at this level..</p>
	Jean Darsie	Web	<p>This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p> <p>PSE is part of \$1M PR campaign to fight any initiatives that curb fossil fuel use. This is not what our utilities should be doing! I oppose the rate hike!</p>
	Kevin Cogger	Web	<p>I oppose Puget Sound Energy's proposed residential rate increase. The company has spent more than \$7 million over the past ten years on political donations and lobbying, and is part of a new \$1 million PR campaign opposing climate legislation. These expenditures are only in their interest, not their customers'. Before raising rates, they should be required to spend their existing revenues on necessary power infrastructure and services, not self-serving political lobbying.</p>
	Megan Motley	Web	<p>PSE has committed itself to expensive natural gas projects despite the obvious implications for climate change. Their reckless decision to continue relying on dirty energy should not result in a cost increase for customers. We should not have to fund a private utility's poor choices and risky behavior. This will hardly be the last time, since PSE has already faced gas leaks and obvious infrastructure problems. PSE apparently has plenty of money to spread around to its CEO, lobbyists, and political campaigns. Why doesn't PSE stop gouging its customers and put some of those funds toward dealing with its infrastructure problems? PSE should show some fiscal responsibility and commit to safe, clean energy rather than taking money out the pockets of its customers.</p>

	Larry Reinhart	Web	One of the reasons for there rate "adjustment" is "increasing levels of residential solar". use less pay more. And "opportunity for shareholders to earn a fair return on their investment". stockholders might sell off stock in PSE, can't have that. So do the right thing double the request. the more they charge the more more the State makes in taxis.
	Melissa Hollenbeck	Web	2 cents here, 1 cent there and a total of 6.9% increase in power charges overall is not acceptable. We are taxed to death already and PSE rates have always been higher then anywhere I have ever lived for the same size house. Investment in systems such as a APP to interact with customers actually streamlines and saves money for PSE. Solar, battery storage, and electric vehicles are a choice a customer makes not one that all public can afford to even have or buy. Those green energy costs are now costing customers more money, then the utility is saving. I don't care what the company's rate of return on investment is when it's MY BILL that's increasing. If you have debt in your company then perhaps you need to downsize like all other major corporations are having to do. The solution to this is to cut spending (ie those golden corporate parachutes) and cut the costs, not to bilk J Q public more money. The 21% corporate tax rate should of helped but instead you all want more. The government requirements that you must meet BPA conditions is also not the customers issue. We are NOT getting a 6.9 percent wage increase and that 2 cents is a lot for most people. Not that you will even read this or do anything but what PSE wants. As always the customers get screwed because the commission is not going to do a damn thing to get them to control their own costs of doing business.
	Liepa Braciulyte	Web	PSE should not be allowed to increase its electricity and gas bills. PSE has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, 2019, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. An additional price increase would make a climate change-causing substance more profitable, which is immoral at this time of ecological collapse.
	John Otto	Web	I object to the proposed rate increase. I am a senior citizen on a fixed income and cannot afford constant tax and utility rate increases. Thank you.
	Matt Kitchen	Web	I don't understand why the company that charges the most for electricity in the state-even more then Seattle can have the nerve to ask for an nearly 8 percent increase. I am tired of being gouged. I sure as heck don't get an 8 percent raise at work. Please don't help PSE to continuer over charging. Thank you. I wish I had another option for my electricity needs. Matt Kitchen
	Dale L. Weir	Web	Dockets UE-190529 and UG-190530 PSE keeps getting rate increases, but I see very little maintenance in my neighborhood. Tree limbs are hanging over power lines just waiting for the next big storm. Put some of the previous increases into maintenance so we don't have more long term outages. Social Security got a 1.6% cost of living increase while PSE thinks it deserves an average 7% increase. Something wrong there, too!
	Derek Dexheimer	Web	PSE's latest rate increases (docket number UE-180899 (electric) and UG-180900 (natural gas) should be denied.

			<p>PSE's proposed transmission line is an unnecessary extravagance that will destroy thousands of trees, increase carbon emissions, and sap hundreds of millions of dollars from smart energy investments and policies that could make a real difference for the environment. Investments in solar panels, batteries, demand response, energy efficiency, and especially demand reduction will save far more, at much lower cost, than a new transmission line, making it moot.</p> <p>Also, PSE's gas rate increase should be denied. PSE has posted ample profits and does not need to recover anything. It has money to ship off to investors. Thus it has money to spend on long-term, renewable no-carbon infrastructure investments here.</p>
	Mark Landers	Web	Rates are to high now, highest in the state. Energy exchange credit to low .007406 per kwh. Share holders don't need the dividends
	Caryl Utigard	Web	Please stop allowing Colstrip to continue. And, stop the LNG facility in Tacoma. We have 11 years to stop increasing air warming pollution on our planet. You need to choose renewable energy (solar, wind, and battery storage) now to keep our planet livable. Jobs are created with either choice. What are you going to tell your children and grandchildren if you lock Washington State into a planet destroying energy source? It's your choice; the science is settled. There is no Planet B.
	Paul J Pickett	Web	The proposed rate increase is unacceptable. PSE ratepayers should not be paying for the profits of foreign investors. In addition, the UTC should disallow any rate increases that will pay for fossil fuel energy production, such as coal or methanol plants. The UTC should discourage activities that contribute to climate change and reward renewable energy. Our future and our grandchildren's future depend on you!
	Janeen Provazek	Web	In face a a very real Climate Emergency (see report from latest World Climate Conference in 9/19), it is terribly foolish to ask us citizens to support your continued use and expansion of fossil fuels and your fracking to transport gas to LNG facility. We need to protect our earth, not continue to damage it.
	Linda Ford	Web	<p>I had a little mobile home at 8704 143rd Ave Ct E in Puyallup for eight and a half years. Besides the property management company that came in about five years ago and began raising the rents and no longer paying for water, instead putting in water meters, I also would suffer from acute anxiety every winter because my lowest electric bill in the summer months would be around \$42, while the winter months could see highs of \$236. Being on a fixed income, I had to take a part time job just to make ends meet, and I made the decision to sell my beautiful little home because I saw the writing on the wall. Not only was the property management going to continue their raises, but Puget Sound Energy always asks for a raise in rates on an annual basis. When I have to decide whether to buy food and gasoline or to pay my electric bill, THAT sucks. Especially when the CEO is getting millions!</p> <p>I will never understand the greed that has taken over this entire country. It seems that those who have, will never, ever have enough, and the cost of that is always being put on those who are merely getting by. You should be ashamed of yourselves.</p>

	Zachary Skagen	Web	
	TRAVIS MILLHOLLIN	Web	I am writing against PSE's request to adjust electric rates higher. The proposed overall 6.9% increase, or 7.7% for residential customers, is three times the rate of inflation at a time when PSE and others tout the efficiencies and lower costs associated with renewable energy sources. In addition, it was the Washington state legislature's decision and governor's approval to force PSE to shutdown their coal-fired generation facility in Colstrip, MT; the legislature should pass funding to prop up any necessary funding for PSE to ensure they continue to provide shareholders a fair return on their investment in light of this mandate and inefficient business decision. Please do not approve this requested rate increase.
	Carli Jipsen	Web	Puget Sound Energy has filed for a rate increase even though they just raised their rates significantly in November. A lot of their energy comes from fracked gas which is bad for the environment and not the fuel to sustain future generations. Also the increased money from the higher rates is directly funding fossil fuel projects in Tacoma, and the energy from those is not even going to serve the public that is paying for it. Monopoly private energy companies like Puget Sound Energy don't allow consumers to have a choice and therefore their money is unconsensually supporting environmentally detrimental projects that most energy users might not want to pay for. It is the governments responsibility to keep these companies in check and protect the best interest of the people.
	Laura Dong	Web	The Washington state government must take a stance in solving climate change and refuse to allow Puget Sound Energy to continue profiting off of coal and fracked gas. We need to incentivize a transition to safer, healthier sources of renewable energy as a new standard. Consumer choice cannot drive this alone. The consequences that we may face will only become more severe the longer we sit on fossil fuels.
	Sarah Waldo	Web	Bad news for us to have an increase raise in our utilities. Fix rates for services even when not in use she still receives a bill. I am on a fixed income and things are getting up in Tacoma.
	Margarita Andreeva	Web	PSE should not be allowed to raise gas rates, because all the profits go out of the country, and because prices of gas have not increased, so there is no reason for them to raise rates, other than maybe they want to use the increase to finance their LNG plant they are building, which nobody in Tacoma wants in the first place, so they should not get any more money at all, period!
	Curtis F. Gegoux	Web	<p>There are a lot of elderly out here on Social Security that got a 1.6% increase this year of their meager pensions. PSE is going to get 7.67% for electric and 7.54% for natural gas. Everyone keeps increasing what they get except wages don't increase enough. PSE is also going for an 8.96% increase for street lighting which we will have to pay as residential customers and/or tax payers.</p> <p>One of PSE's reasons for asking for an increase is to fund electric vehicle with electric vehicle infrastructure investments. The people that own electric vehicles should have the responsibility of funding their choices. Also, why should residential solar have to be funded by all of us for the few that have it.</p>

			This large of an increase is not even close to being justified.
	Linda Massey	Web	<p>In light of the recent UTC announcement of your first Carbon and Electricity Markets Stakeholder Work Group, which has been created in response to the recently passed Washington State Clean Energy Transformation Act, I find any of the current proposed request by PSE as far as a 14% rate hike and the sale of their Colstrip contradictory to what the people of this State and their representatives are trying to accomplish with the new WSCET Act. If the sale of Colstrip to NorthWestern is allowed this would be the continuance of burning expensive and extremely polluting coal until 2042. That means one of the West's biggest polluters would continue wrecking our climate without being regulated by Washington's strong environmental laws and commitments. Colstrip needs to be retired now!! Not sold! This Commission absolutely must do the right thing for all of us and our future generations.</p> <p>UTC should also do everything within their power to stop the continued development of the Tacoma LNG plant. LNG is not a climate solution, and is already known that it is harmful to human health. Washington should not be investing money in infrastructure that will lock us into decades of continued fossil fuel use or become a financial burden as a stranded asset.</p> <p>The UTC needs to do all it can to make sure it is doing all that it can to make our environment healthy and to follow the Washington State Clean Energy Transformation Act.</p>
	Bill phipps	Web	<p>What the hell ?! PSE asking for more money to prop up !ancient technologies : coal, oil, nukes, fracked gas !!!??? No ! He'll no !!</p> <p>What's wrong with you ???!!!</p> <p>Are you insane or bought off by petrol dollars or just plain stupid ?!</p> <p>For the love of God!!!</p> <p>100 percent renewable energies now...</p> <p>No more gas...no more coal... no more oil. !</p> <p>You need to start building massive solar farms in eastern wa. And massive wind farms in central wa.</p> <p>No to rate hike !!!!</p> <p>No to allowing PSE to lobby wash. State legislature!!!</p> <p>What the hell spending so much money on lobbying...stop it !!!</p> <p>Screw profiteering corporate PSE !!!</p> <p>We need locally owned and managed non profit PUD s that are committed to the new Green Deal...!!!</p> <p>Shame on all of you !!!</p> <p>Wake up !!</p> <p>Get your frigging heads out of the sand.</p> <p>DO THE RIGHT THING.!!!</p>

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	Andriy Sysun	Web	Recently I received the same mail with price increases, how many times will the price get increased? I pay a lot of taxes, and the ridiculous RTA tax, the electricity and gas is already expensive as is, and to add to all that you want a price increase? I opposed any increase without a legitimate reason. If the reason is that you need to increase your budget, I say STOP SPENDING, START SAVING!!!
	david schuchardt	Web	I oppose the 7.52% natural gas rate hike PSE has proposed. As a monopoly, PSE must not be allowed to gouge ratepayers. This would further erode affordability for renters and owners in Puget Sound. For PSE, the cost of natural gas is near historic lows. For ratepayers, NOBODY is getting 7.52% salary raises.
	Rich Remsen	Web	We just had a 38% increase in our gas cost rate in Nov 2019. We should not be subjected to another increase of any kind.
	Brent Schoepel	Web	No increase in charges is warranted. The fees would cost everyone too much when the company has sufficient funds to operate with huge profits. We don't want or need a fracking facility in our area either
	Shawn Hosford	Web	Please! We need to be mindful about the environment. We need to be clear about who we support when it comes to Bad policies. For-profit businesses should be at the bottom of the list. Beyond all that common, you should never allow pipelines on treating Landes where they are not welcome.
	Nanda Venu	Web	
	Harold Gross	Web	PSE recently received a 14% hike in gas prices and is now coming back for another hike (as much as another 7%) in less than 6 months. Their argument for additional money so quickly either speaks to an inability to plan or simply a profit grab on their part. Either way, jumping our rates again so quickly is burdensome and angering. We too have to plan our futures and budgets, and these kinds of huge jumps are insupportable.
	Theresa Merrick	Web	Please don't raise our utilities! I am retired and have a fixed income. Every year my car insurance, property taxes and so many other bills have gone up. My social security got a twenty dollar cost of living increase but Medicare premium was raised by ten. What do you expect older people to do?
	Jani Hitchen	Web	<p>PSE proposed increase in revenue specifically designed to go to the profits (investors) is outrageous. If in fact they need to have that great an increase in profits, then the product must improve at the same rate. The amount proposed by the UTC as a counter is too high in my opinion, when they have done very little to improve things for the customers here in Washington.</p> <p>In addition, these increases in profits will all go to companies outside Washington state.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31% to the Canadian Pension Plan 24% OMERS Administrative Corporation which is in Ontario 20% British Columbia Investment Management Corporation 14% Alberta Investment Management Corporation 10% PGGM which is out of Canada and the Netherlands

			<p>So 100% of this increased profits will leave not only Washington, but the United State. How will that help our economy? How will that help the communities and people that are actually paying that increased rate?</p> <p>My second concern with this is the fact that these companies have no ties to our community? They are not going to be interested in doing anything but making money, as they will not be directly impacted by the choices for improvements, the work on the infrastructure to maintain or improve the system. This was even brought to light by an expert witness you heard when they stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Investment Risk – This risk can come into play if the change in ownership impacts the capital investment program of the underlying entity in any negative way, which could include restricting investment in any way, access to capital, the lack of a commitment to investment, or the need to deploy capital elsewhere. <p>My last thought is that IF they are moving to automated systems that will no longer have meter readers, then there is a reduction in wages being paid. Therefore, every time they move towards this, we reduce the work force here in our community. For each job lost for our area, the amount of money gained as basically profits that will just go to these out of country locations, and we will have workers looking for other jobs.</p> <p>The lack of connection to the communities that will be paying the bills could lead to many problems? With basically the whole region being beholden to the stakeholders in Canada for something that is NECESSARY for life as we know it.</p> <p>It appears too late to do anything about that, but we cannot reward this by giving them even more money.</p> <p>Thank You for your consideration. Jani Hitchen Pierce County</p>
	Genessa Krasnow	Web	No more gas and electric rate increase to payback shareholders for bad fracked gas infrastructure investments.
	Scott Woll	Web	It seems to me that PSE was just recently granted a rate increase and now they are back for another...and a rather significant one...with the purpose of investing in "self service tools" for customers and to provide a "fair" return to shareholders. Both things that should come from the normal profits without relying on rate increases. Not sure what "infrastructure investments" must be made to accomodate the increase in people using more solar energy...seems this is a rate increase to recover some of the revenue lost to those who are tired of paying such high power and gas rates to PSE by switching to solar. They already are allowed to adjust the rates to cover ANY increase in the cost of gas.....they should not now be asking for a 7.52% increase in gas rates as well. The cost of gas service in Texas is significantly less than PSE.....why the difference? I am opposed to this (and

		<p>most) rate increases that are padding the bottom line basically. Why cannot we have some competition in the area for gas service....and make all power and gas services a true PUBLIC (non-profit) utility.</p>
	<p>Angela Kulp</p> <p>Web</p>	<p>Unlike publicly owned energy utilities that are cheaper, cleaner, and provide more reliable service, privately held Puget Sound Energy gets more than 60% of its energy from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas. It's time that our state Utilities and Transportation Commission sides with the people and stop rubber stamping rate hikes for monopoly energy utilities that are forcing continued dependence on dirty fossil fuels! Puget Sound Energy has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14.1% on November 1st, despite a 50% reduction in market gas prices. Now they're back for more.</p> <p>Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas – from our homes, schools, businesses and electricity system.</p> <p>We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.</p> <p>This rate hike is happening because of a huge pipeline explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and almost caused power outages. This is not reliable or safe energy infrastructure – why should WA consumers be forced to pay more for it when cleaner, safer electricity is available?</p> <p>PSE has had two major gas leaks in Seattle in 2019, including one that sent workers to the hospital. It's inevitable that this won't be the last major rate hike request as our gas infrastructure continues to age.</p> <p>This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part.</p> <p>In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that “PSE's next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled,” demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.</p> <p>-When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies, severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.</p> <p>PSE Expenditures and Incentives – They don't need our money!</p> <p>CEO Kimberly Harris made \$7.6 million in compensation in 2018</p> <p>PSE sponsors tons of events (it is a monopoly and doesn't need to advertise) so it's all about greenwashing</p> <p>PSE is part of \$1M PR campaign to fight any initiatives that curb fossil fuel use: “The gas companies are forming a coalition of unions, businesses and consumer groups to tout the benefits of natural gas and to help “prevent or defeat” initiatives that inhibit its use, according to internal industry documents obtained by The Seattle Times. They're calling the coalition “Partners for Energy Progress,” and a public launch is scheduled</p>

			<p>next year.”</p> <p>Shareholders guaranteed return on infrastructure investments of around 10%</p> <p>From 2016 to 2018, PSE spent over \$1,742,000 on lobbyists in Olympia. That’s almost \$400,000 more than Amazon spent on lobbying during the same period. And that’s just lobbying.</p> <p>Between 2008 and 2018, PSE gave \$665,598 to candidates across Washington.</p> <p>Over the last 10 years, according to Sightline, PSE’s total political spending in Washington looks more like \$7 million (compared to \$2 million from Amazon). That money is donated to candidates, spent on lobbying, and used to fund special interest PACs like the one it’s supporting this year in Seattle.</p> <p>In 2012, for example, there was a ballot measure to switch Thurston County, where Olympia is located, from relying on PSE to being served by a publicly owned utility. It turned into the most expensive election in Thurston County history. PSE spent more than \$400,000 against the measure, which ultimately wasn’t approved by voters.</p> <p>In October of 2018, PSE changed hands once again. This time, PSE was taken over by British Columbia Investment Management Corporation and Alberta Investment Management Corporation, Canadian pension funds that currently control 90 percent of the company. And guess what? Those pension funds are dirty with oil and fracked gas money. “More than \$3 billion of the \$135.5 billion managed by the British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (BCI) is invested in the top 200 publicly traded oil and gas companies,” reports CBC. “It is concerning that our private utility is owned by an out of state interest that has a financial incentive,” Caleb Heeringa, communications director for the Sierra Club, told The Stranger.</p> <p>NO MORE RATE HIKES, NO MORE FOSSIL FUEL / FRACKING INFRASTRUCTURE! WE NEED MORE SUSTAINABLE OPTIONS AT AFFORDABLE PRICES!</p>
	Roger L. Rieke	Web	<p>I do not agree with this rate increase. The notice says, "The electric and natural gas requests are based on a proposed rate of return (ROR) on rate base of 7.62% with a common equity ratio of 48.5% and a 9.8% return on equity (ROE). Customers pay for these returns in order to service debt expenses and provide the opportunity for shareholders to earn a fair return on their investment." There is nothing fair about this to the customer. The Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) has routinely rubber stamped these seemingly annual rate hikes from PSE without regard to the customers that are affected. The UTC needs to stop this.</p>
	ROBIN BRIGGS	Web	<p>PSE is would like to pass on the cost of the new LNG facility in Tacoma. But the facility doesn't benefit residential customers and I don't want any part of it, and I particularly don't want to pay for it in the form of increased charges. If they want it, they pay for it.</p>
	John	Web	<p>Why does PSE asking for 6.12% rate raise when inflation is only 1.6%. Is this raise to pay for their projects or mistakes that benefit them but not the customers? Are they still selling our electricity to other higher paying locations and asking us to cover the instate cost?</p> <p>It feels like the government agency is run by persons who care more about PSE then us.</p> <p>John Souza</p>

	Karen Hall	Web	<p>I am a PSE ratepayer. I object to ratepayers funding any part of the Tacoma LNG facility or any further infrastructure that continues dependence on fossil fuels. PSE should be building infrastructure to transition away from fossil fuels, not digging itself and its ratepayers deeper into producing climate destroying emissions. I pay additional for PSE's green energy program. I would be happy to pay a rate increase if it meant PSE was moving away from the past and looking forward to a future of green, sustainable energy and building the infrastructure need for that future.</p>
	elyette weinstein	Web	<p>I am a PSE rate payer. I oppose PSE's proposed rate hike which will fund more investment in liquified natural gas. This is not a prudent investment. Rate payers will pay 43% of the costs for 2% use of the facility financed by this proposed rate hike. The investment is also imprudent because this project in which PSE has invested would lock the people of Washington State into decades of climate destructive fossil fuel use, and would require us to pay for it! The facility would create health & safety problems for local residents and those living at the site of the gas extraction given the risk of gas leaks and toxic emissions. These residents are usually poor people of color, including Native Americans, as in this case.</p> <p>The rate hike would fund a project that is the very definition of climate injustice and inequity. The project would have rate payers pay to put Native Americans at risk for the sake of corporate profit. People should not be expendable.</p> <p>Please don't make us rate payers fund the infliction of health issues on low income and indigenous populations, as well as our species' extinction.</p>
	Jim Fordham	Web	<p>Comment taken over the phone by UTC employee John T.</p> <p>My opposition is based on the fact that from the information they provided the improvements that they want to make are superficially having to do with consumer online contact with them rather than actual investment in physical infrastructure to improve service and efficiency. Washington state is already a very high cost of living state and we don't really need more cost increases. Our government and economy is on a system of sales tax and fees which directly increase the cost of living. On this basis, PSE is a highly profitable company.</p>
	Tord Lundgren	Web	<p>6.12 percent increase We are over 65 with fixed income and are already max out We need a discount not a increase</p>
	K. Wood	Web	<p>I just feel PSE just keeps increasing the rates yearly. Forcing more people to spend more money on utilities than on other bills. I am a senior and I just think they should be working to make it affordable to live here.</p>
	Marlo Straub	Web	<p>Dear WSUTC Staff,</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read and record my comments. I am a resident of Bellevue, WA, and I love this state dearly. I urge you to reject PSE's request to approve an additional 6.9% in electricity revenue, and a whopping 7.9% in additional natural gas revenue, which translates to more than \$200 million annually for a majority Canadian shareholder-owned corporation. Climate change threatens all of us. At a time when the EPA</p>

is rolling back even more environmental protections, it is even more critical that we make environmentally responsible decisions. Unlike publicly owned energy utilities that are cheaper, cleaner, and provide more reliable service, privately held Puget Sound Energy gets more than 60% of its energy from climate-endangering fossil fuels such as coal and fracked gas. Every study on how to meet our climate goals requires phasing out fracked gas. We should be working to begin dismantling fracked gas infrastructure, and UTC approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message.

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3. This brings concern about how the UTC plans to handle the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma — which will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. All the while the LNG facility has been built without a major permit, demonstrating a lack of prudence and responsibility on PSE's part.
4. In the 2017 IRP acknowledgement letter, the UTC stated that “PSE's next IRP must address what the Company will do in the event the LNG plant or pipeline upgrades are significantly delayed or cancelled,” demonstrating UTC understanding that PSE has been building at its own risk. Ratepayers shouldn't be the ones to pay when utilities like PSE continue to force gas into our energy mixes when it's economically irresponsible and when their ratepayers are demanding other options.
5. When our money pays to continue and expand fracking methane gas, we are complicit in the harms caused: contaminated water tables and decrease of freshwater supplies (now put further at risk by the EPA's protection rollbacks), severe health consequences for communities near fracking sites and refineries, habitat loss and deforestation, the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women near pipeline construction and extraction, violation of indigenous rights/Treaties, and ignoring global scientific consensus that says we have to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground or face dire consequences.

I live near a PSE proposed high voltage power line and have seen PSE canvassing at our parks and community events. The organization continues to push a message of fear that we won't have enough energy when they are using outdated environmental studies and projected energy demands. We are also aware of how much PSE has spent lobbying lawmakers in Olympia. Please make the right choice, protecting WA consumers, workers, residents, and the beautiful lands that make WA such a great state. Our children and grandchildren are counting on you!

Sincerely, Marlo Straub

	Leslee A Jaquette	Web	I am opposed to PSE proposed rate hikes that will not benefit users. I plan to help develop a plan for an Eastside Public Utility that will work for the benefit of citizens and not for share holders in foreign countries.
	Peggy J. Printz	Web	Rate payers should not subsidize this utility's use of dirty and dangerous fuel. We must not use fracked gas.
	Robert Kutter	Web	<p>I urge you to reject PSE's rate hike request. As a privately held Canadian company, PSE does not have our best interests in mind. Rather they are looking to increase their profits in an era of declining natural gas prices so they can reward their investors and executives. Furthermore they are subverting our political process to get their way. According to the Sightline article below they have spent roughly \$7 million over the last ten years to influence the political process.</p> <p>Please do not allow PSE to gouge us to fatten their wallets!</p> <p>https://www.sightline.org/2018/04/25/how-the-fracked-gas-industry-plays-politics-in-washington/</p>
	Helen	Web	<p>RE: Dockets UE-190529 and UG190530</p> <p>"Customers pay for these returns in order to service debt expenses and provide the opportunity for shareholders to earn a fair return on their investment."</p> <p>Puget Sound Energy is what we are forced to use for our gas - and we don't mind paying them for the service they provide. What I do object to is this idea that they can hike the rates for their shareholders. It really begs the question: why isn't this a public utility? Why does the utility company we are forced to use even have shareholders outside of the people they service? We also find the information sheet they sent out absolutely lacking in details - three vague bullets points with no detail on how the estimated \$205 million in new revenue is going to be divvied up and how this rate increase is overall beneficial to the people who have to pay it.</p> <p>If they wish to proceed with this increase, what options do we as consumers have to chose another service provider? It seems like the ball is entirely in their court and it's worrying that WA state officials have let a private company have this power over services that should be state-managed.</p>
	Edward Belcher	Web	I do not want my rates increased to pay for PSE's dirty fracked gas projects. Consider zero-carbon projects.
	Mark Knight	Web	NO LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PLANT. NO!
	George Keefe	Web	<p>For the health of our citizens and our planet, we must stop the profligate use of greenhouse gas-producing dirty, fracted methane. The requested rate increase is a naked transfer from local customers to foreign investors who concentrate their investments in fossil fuels regardless of the undeniable adverse existential consequences to our environment.</p> <p>George Keefe</p>

andrew wiesenfeld	Web	<p>PSE proposed rate increase ,based on the information they have stated in their Notice, will generate rates on return on both rate base and equity return of 7.62% and 9.8% respectively. This is excessive. Compare the rates of their proposed return against the rate of inflation i.e. 2.1% or the rates paid on fixed income investments e.g. CDs, approximately 1.9 %. The average rate of return on equities is in the magnitude of 4.5 to 5.0%, bonds are even lower, in the 3.0% range. Every investor would love to see a "regulated" return of 7-9 % on their investment . And as PSE is a regulated industry, they do not experience the risk from which they wish to benefit at almost twice the return on comparable investments. Some cost increases are justified based on the inflation of labor/material costs and as such the rate increase should be limited to the annual average Seattle/Tacoma Bremerton CPI , approximately 2.1%.</p>
Sheri Scalzo	Web	<p>I attended the open comment meeting in Bellevue 1/22/20. I was impressed by the evening from the commissioners and the public who made comments. Everyone spoke with passion and knowledge about the proposed rate hike. I learned a lot. For me I see opportunity for our community and state to head in another direction away from fossil fuels and set an example of how we can move forward to cleaner energy. The time is right. Another rate hike just keeps us going down the wrong path. Use this opportunity to say we can do better for our environment and our future. Thank you</p>
Marlene J. Me7yer	Web	<p>February 2, 2030 Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is shocked to hear that the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. I have three reasons why I ask that you reject this request.</p> <p>First, during a time when most citizens are getting less than 3% raises in this economy, their request seems to be an unfair and inappropriate increase. Many people struggle to pay their heating and electrical bills, and often do without. We, like many people, do what we can to reduce. This could put many people into a homeless situation. Alternatives must be considered. I have followed for a long time PSE's continual pursuit of Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant, infrastructure projects, insisting that they will not affect our home values and neighborhoods. I work hard on neighborhood enhancements projects, and these would be horrific. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to make aggressive strides towards better options for our energy future. Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year</p> <p>Finally, it seems PSE directions are investment oriented for their owners and stock holders. They are not looking seriously at concerns for citizens to reduce costs and usage so these increases are not needed. Even better communication in serious ways can make a big difference. Why are so many lights glowing at night in City Hall and downtown buildings. It is a waste of energy and it turns out a hinderance to wildlife. PSE's big push is to give free light bulbs is a drop in the bucket and a show to look heroic. Why aren't we educated every home, architects, and businesses in big energy efficient and sustainable ways in order to save gas and electricity, as they do in Seattle, Oregon, and California.</p>

			<p>Please do not jump to the easy answer and compliance for PSE. Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen and work with the community for improvements, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely, Marlene J. Meyer 2408 131st Place NE Bellevue, WA 98005</p>
	Gregory Denton	Web	<p>The rate hikes for electricity (6.9%) and gas (7.9%) must NOT be approved. These increases are advancing the utility's use of extremely harmful dirty fossil fuels which are not only killing life on the planet but cause immediate harm to Native Americans, in particular the missing and murdered women, and to communities and water tables where gas is fracked. The fracking process and leaks release enormous amounts of methane, a very potent greenhouse gas. PSE electricity generation relies on both coal and fracked gas and they must starting putting more investment into renewables immediately. Power is essential to our communities but PSE is controlled by Canadian pension funds that have conflicts of interest with their co-investments in the production of same dirty fossil fuels that are harmful to us. PSE must not be allowed to continue to avoid its responsibility to the communities in our region.</p>
	Tom Craighead	Web	<p>PSE's proposed rate increase will help pay for construction of the LNG facility in Tacoma -- a project designed to serve customers far from the state of Washington. Make those (mostly overseas) LNG consumers pay the costs, not us Washington taxpayers.</p>
	Pamela Keeley	Web	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An LNG facility in the port of a Tacoma defies all logic. I'm a nurse of many years who's worked on disasters across the US and in Asia. The site for this will be under water due to sea level rise from climate change and is on an active earthquake zone at the foot of a major urban center. In the event of an explosion there aren't enough hospital facilities to care for burn victims in the PNW. 2. Liquefied gas comes through fossil fuel extraction which is the leading cause of global warming. Our present climate emergency requires as much carbon sequestration as possible, not the release of more. 3. Customers should not have to pay for projects like this where, for the most part, profits go to corporate executives and shareholders while we (customers) see our rates increased. PSE owners don't even live in the United States.
	Jill Reifschneider	Web	<p>PSE just raised our rates, yet they propose to increase them even more. I am absolutely disgusted by my reliance on a company that is investing in coal and fracking when we desperately need to stop, and invest in clean energy.</p> <p>All this as The Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Tacoma looks like it is approved (although it has already been built without the permits that were required - explain that! That facility will only be used for ratepayers around 2% of the time, and yet ratepayers will be on the hook to pay for more than 40% of the project. The damage can be prevented. Please stop PSE from funding their climate chaos-creating fossil fuel projects with ratepayer</p>

			<p>funding.</p> <p>No rate increase.</p> <p>No LNG and all the infrastructure that will require.</p> <p>No coal.</p> <p>No pipelines.</p> <p>Stop it.</p> <p>Please.</p>
	Thomas P Vest	Web	I strongly disagree with the projected increase and the ostensible reasons. First, consumers do not need any further expenses related to "self-service" technology to contact PSE at "our convenience". We already have sufficient methods. Second, general ratepayers should not be forced to subsidize those who are using solar or vehicle battery technologies-these options should be paid for by those who want to utilize them via usage fees.
	Marilyn A Oviatt	Web	A 7.67 percent increase in residential customer's bills is too much. I feel that the proposed increase is unreasonable. Please take a look at other ways to manage costs and keep our rates down. Thank you for listening.
	Frank Turner	Web	In my opinion, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission should accept the findings of its own staff, rather than the request of the Puget Sound Energy Company in the matter of 2020 electric and gas rate increases. I understand that the UTC staff has recommended an increase of approximately 2.5%.
	john little	Web	<p>My wife is retired and I work retail groceries 35 hrs a week. Our combined income is LOW. Seniors on SS have not received a meaningful COLA in forever and these utility increases only add to the pressure for those on tight budgets. I am not opposed to paying for these services but I feel that low income families should be exempt. It is getting very hard for us to keep up and we have worked our entire lives. Seems wrong is all.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>John Little</p>
	Steven Reisler	Web	<p>PSE gave 3 reasons for their rate adjustment Reason one, is their need to invest in tech systems such as self service tools for customers to interact with PSE. My comment that has nothing to do with why they would be entitled to a rate increase. They want to lay off employees, and that's their problem</p> <p>Their second reason, they want to accommodate increasing levels of residential solar, battery storage, and electric vehicles with electric infrastructure investments and blah blah blah. This is and you may quote me, gobledgook. This is what they are supposed to do as a business, which is deal with technological you don't just automatically pass it on as a cost, just because consumers are using electric cars and batteries.</p>

Richard B Bell, Jr.	Web	<p>The proposed requested rate increase is nothing short of criminal. A 7.7% increase for electric and a 7.5% increase for natural gas is ridiculous when you consider we are awash in natural gas, inflation is running less than 2%, and those of us on a fixed income saw good old social security rise by 1.3%. It's amazing you never hear any of these "monopolies" want to discuss how to cut costs. The UTC should reject these proposed increases and tell Puget Sound Energy to cut their cost to pay for their out of control request.</p>
Patricia A. Holm	Web	<p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>
Ellen Kissman	Web	<p>As I understand it, the proposed rate hike for natural gas is to pay for the LNG terminal in Tacoma. This is completely unacceptable. The terminal will only worsen our region's contribution to climate change. As a PSE customer, unfortunately dependent on natural gas for heating my home, I do not want to bear any additional burden re: climate disaster. Please deny this rate change and help make the LNG terminal financially impossible. You owe it to our collective future.</p>
Sharna Kline	Web	<p>Taken by CTC</p> <p>I'm opposed to the use of fossil fuels and associated practices of fracking pipelines, climate change issues, and the atmosphere and general ruinous to our planet. I understand they're trying to increase the rate to pay for fracking and pipelines and things like that, which I'm opposed to. I'm a resident of Seattle and I'm a PSE paying customer. I'm also a resident of Palm Springs, CA.</p>
Glenda Carper	Web	<p>It seems unfair to ask residential consumers to pay for LNG facility if they do not benefit from its use! Also, the idea of going ahead with this LNG facility in Tacoma is a bad one because the process has been faulty and our area needs to plan to curb the use of fossil fuel, not commit to more years of a heavily polluting fuel. We need to take every chance we have to transform our energy use to alternative sources as well as conservation and reduced demand. I hope you will think honestly about this issue.</p>
Theo Louis Jansen	Web	<p>PSE is looking to increase our electrical rates by 6.9%. This year my Social Security cost of living increase was 1.6%. Perhaps PSE can live on that much of an increase. There is no information from them as to what the rate of stock return is right now, so we don't know if the value of PSE is going up or down.</p>

		<p>It appears that PSE wants to raise rates to make up for selling less power as the public turns to other means of powering their homes, such as solar and wind. So their incentive for using renewable power and working to fix the climate problems we face is to raise our rates, while they continue to burn coal. This makes no sense.</p> <p>My wife's family had a reunion this summer at the PSE retreat center at Baker Lake. We were one of the last public groups to use this area, since now PSE says there their executive resort is no longer available for public rental. Perhaps they could sell this thing or mothball it to cut the upkeep. It is quite the place and must be expensive to maintain. Maybe they can cut some off their increase request by cutting back some of their perks.</p> <p>In the information they provide, there is talk about using technology to create self service for customers. This probably means some sort of voicemail system that provides only frustration for those who call. Another investment in for increased reliability. This is a need, as we have had 3 power outages over the past week, for 12 hours and longer. On the other hand, the information they provide in regards to repair times only goes to the name on the account. My wife was unable to gain a response from PSE, despite the fact that Washington is a common property state and in my absence, they would immediately expect her to pay the bill.</p>
	Michael Hansen	<p>Web</p> <p>Taken by CTC</p> <p>Our wonderful president gave everybody in the corporate world this big god damn nice huge tax relief. Wonderful things for all the big businesses and corporations. I guess y'all needed a life saver. Then you come around and deal with the people. He takes everybody off food stamps, cuts back social security, and here we are. Then he brags about the billions and trillions coming back into the country and how wealthy we are. The rhetoric. All I see is number manipulation, just like you folks. You play with the numbers to make your point. They're trying to get people paid \$15 an hour. You count my social security, it's not even close. If you're putting an increase on this little well purse, sorry draw strings are broke on this one and there's a hole in the bottom of the bag and it seems to be going into the pocket of the corporate. I've taken advantage of for three years of community services and church people to pay my bills and keep me alive. I live out of the food bank and I still have to make my life function on what I have in my pocket. I'm disabled also, and unemployable. I'm not the only one out here with this situation. You can think this economy is busting and going great guns. It might be for you folks, but it isn't for the people out here living life on the real line. Not out of your office on the 50th floor. Get down to the real life. You get this shit for free. The taxes pay for your damn hydroelectric systems and dams. Mother nature gives you the rain for free, and you charge me this god damn money so you can pay your investors and your board and this and that. You can juggle numbers all you want. The reality is the bragging and the BS doesn't match the economic situation, so get real. We have to work in our budget, you work in yours. And quit bleeding us dry. My last of my comments: At my age, I've grown up cooking on a wood stove, reading by kerosene lamp. I did that up until I was a teenager and got to move into a town instead of on the farm. So if you think electricity determines whether I live or die in this fucking "idiesque" (sic) world, I don't need you at all. You're a convenience that I do enjoy, absolutely. I'm just angry. Everybody says it's always so damn good, then they turn around and take away your food stamps and take your medical. Tell me what's right about this, son.</p>

	Rick Trenner	Web	We already pay too much for our utilities. I'm on a fixed income. I think it should have been illegal for the electric company to buy the gas company too. We voted in the Thurston county electric and I don't know what happened with that.
	Bert He	Web	<p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p>
	David Kleiber	Web	<p>State-regulated monopoly utilities companies should not be allowed to increase prices to customers by negotiating contracts at higher prices than the market. Colstrip plants 3 and 4 are only running for the next 6 years because the electricity customer buying power is required to purchase above market rate to subsidize the coal facility and the executives at PSE.</p> <p>The UTC needs tighter regulatory controls to encourage market rate contracts that discourage subsidizing large carbon emitters. The total lifecycles including site closure is not in the rate. I don't understand why PSE is not required to price in the lifecycle rates and sources into PSE rate structure. This should be a public document.</p> <p>Running battery backup is far cheaper than running a coal plant at 25%. Why is PSE allowed to enter into non-competitive rates with the coal plant that it partially owns. PSE should be required to provide justification publicly to why this is a good deal for PSE customers. The Colstrip contract is bad for customers, bad for the environment. Six more years of PSE customers subsidizing a energy source that is not economically viable.</p> <p>The five owners who signed the new coal contract are all state-regulated monopoly utilities that receive higher than market price for their electricity and can, with regulatory approval, pass on higher coal costs to customers without fear those customer's will shop elsewhere for electricity.</p> <p>https://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/colstrip-power-plant-secures--year-coal-mine-contract/article_58acfdbb-4298-5c67-b265-e1c610aee6a9.html</p> <p>David Kleiber</p>

	Mary Ann Joy	Web	I do not want my money paying for continuing and expanding fracking methane gas. There are enough studies that show the negative effects it has on the water table and communities living in the vicinity.
	Donna Blinn	Web	Fracked gas is not compatible with keeping global temperatures from rising too much and keeping climate change in check. We must reduce our reliance on fracking for natural gas. Approving a rate hike to build fracking infrastructure is entirely counterproductive.
	Jenna Z	Web	We here in the region that PSE primarily serves are already struggling under the astronomical costs of housing, childcare and other basic necessities. While I understand that prices are always on the rise, basic utility prices should attempt to keep pace with the (sadly rare) cost of living raises we workers receive. As of this year, we've only received between 1.2% and 2% cost of living raises. In order for hardworking folks (who are NOT millionaires) to continue to be able to live and thrive in this region, sudden and large increases in utilities must be slowed or stopped.
	Danielle Christner	Web	I am in opposition of the proposed 7.9% rate increase to PSE's natural gas customers(docket UG- 190530). There was a recent 14% rate increase effective November 1, 2019 and they are already asking for an additional increase scheduled for May 2020.
	Stephanie Ellis	Web	NO to more PSE gas and electric rate increases to pay back shareholders for bad fracked gas infrastructure investments (like the Tacoma LNG!) Can I send you a link & talking points?
	Darlin' Boudreau	Web	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a PSE customer who is dismayed to hear the company is seeking your approval to raise its electricity rates by 6.9% and gas rates by 7.9%. The cost of PSE's dirty energy is already among the highest in the state. Please reject this request!</p> <p>Now is not the time to reward PSE's Canadian and Dutch investors with an extra \$200 million per year while the company continues to pursue infrastructure projects like Energize Eastside, the Lake Hills Transmission Line, and the Tacoma LNG plant. These projects raise safety risks for residents, destroy thousands of valuable urban trees, and do little to provide cleaner energy. PSE refuses to provide data demonstrating the need and safety of the projects and rejects offers to meet with community leaders to discuss better options for our energy future.</p> <p>Until PSE demonstrates its commitment to improve reliability, reduce environmental impacts, and truly listen to community concerns, we respectfully ask the Commission to deny all PSE rate increases.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Darlin' Boudreau</p>

Kristen Elliott	Web	<p>WA UTC: I am writing to complain strongly about the proposed Electric Service Rate Increase (UE-190529) and the proposed Natural Gas Service Rate Increase (UG-190530) that Puget Sound Energy will be presenting for your approval in January of 2020. Percent change increases to the two components of our PSE monthly bills of 6.12% and 7.52% respectively are exorbitantly high in any situation. But given a primary reason for these hefty increases is "investments in... self-service tools... that allow customers to interact with PSE at their convenience.", I would say this increase is laughable. Customers would prefer their rates to remain lower over silly "self-service tools" you waste our money on an IT firm to create!</p> <p>Next, there is absolutely no way that any non EV- or solar panel using- customer should pick up the extra dollars PSE is losing by the growing number of EV- and solar panel-using customers!!!! PSE can figure out a rate change for those customers to recompense the company for the lost revenue these customers represent. The rest of the PSE-served population should not be expected to make up the difference. I am highly against both of these rate increases. Sincerely, Kristen Elliott January 6, 2020</p>
Earl Weaver	Web	<p>I am a senior citizen on a fixed income. PSE wants a 6% rate increase. That is not justifiable. There have been no storms or other events to drive up their costs. Most issues they have to deal with were self inflicted due to maintenance issues. My Social Security was raised by !.6% based on inflation. I you choose to grant a raise in rates it should not exceed my cost of living raise as both raises should be based on the inflation rate. A 6% rate increase is not supported by current circumstances.</p>
Ron Lane	Web	<p>Electric Service Increase - I think any increases should be the same as the cost of living increase. The reason being my social security only went up 1.6 percent this year. PSE says my overall average percent increase will be 7.7 percent.</p>
Maire M Masco	Web	<p>I am angry that PSE has spent more than a million dollars lobbying in Olympia, but will not do maintenance on their energy infrastructure. Utility poles collapse, pipelines explode. The utility wold rather spend money on television ads for the LNG plant rather than diversify their holdings. This privately owned utility is not demonstrating good use of their financial resources. They should not be allowed to increase rates.</p>
Amy Hargrove	Web	<p>I'm in favor of the lower rate increase proposed by staff not the higher rate increase proposed by PSE.</p>
Abigail Blue	Web	<p>The cost of electrical service is already astronomical in Washington State. Our lack of investment in renewable energy, coupled with foreign ownership of shareholder interest, has driven rates up to a burdensome degree across the state. The request PSE has recently made to the UTC for a 7% increase in rates, beginning May 2020, should be denied! I adamantly oppose this request. The reason stated, beyond interface improvements (which is a vague and unsubstantiated claim at best), is shows an equity ration of 48.5% and 9.8% return on equity. This is ridiculous! Shareholders cannot expect a nearly 50% return on investment. This will exacerbate issues of poverty, forcing families to choose between food, medicine, high rental prices and even higher heat and electricity. Please do not allow this!</p>
Claudia Riedener	Web	<p>Puget Sound Energy is already the highest charging utility in WA. Just last November, they received a massive gas hike of 14.2%. Gas prices worldwide are tanking extremely low.</p>

			<p>Please don't punish WA rate payers with costs for Canadian infrastructure - the Canadians already skim off everything on top and make us pay higher rates so they can get nice pensions we here in WA don't see. Puget Sound Energy is already beneficiary of a massive WA 'LNG for transportation fuel' tax break worth millions, while poor households don't get to see any of that tax break. Instead they are severely punished for missing bill deadlines.</p> <p>PSE is paying its top cadre \$millions in salaries, CEO alone takes home 8 \$M/year! No public utility can squander money like that.</p> <p>We have ZERO competition and PSE continues to squeeze consumers while spending \$ millions in deceptive LNG commercials, push polls, large format, 8-page glossy brochures mailed to every household and wall to wall advertisements on all platforms. PSE is also spending million on political campaigns and lawsuits against clean air rules and such. Why do rate payers have to pay for such luxuries that don't only not benefit us but directly harm our democracy and our air? We deserve a proper accounting of all these moneys.</p> <p>PSE even shut down offices in most communities - people are sent to places like payday loans to pay their bills. PSE is saving a boatload by scrapping customer service. How can they ask for more yet again? Who is really standing to protect rate payers?</p> <p>I am concerned because UTC never denies any increases.</p> <p>As an unfortunate customer of PSE myself, I demand that we receive a proper accounting including aforementioned savings from closing customer service offices, the salaries of top brass, the spending on propaganda and the costs of PSE fixers (for example Charla Neuman) who spend their time in community-organized meetings against gas. Yes, we have photos.</p> <p>We need a 100% transparent and clear accounting of all costs we are supposed to pay for.</p> <p>Extra scrutiny is necessary due to PSE being a foreign-owned monopoly that leaves consumers zero choice.</p> <p>Best Claudia Riedener Tacoma</p>
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	Mark Tanis	E-mail	<p>Good day is the 0-600 Watt rate cap really Realistic... ESPECIALLY as we want to move away from fossil fuels?</p> <p>DO we really have a say so in this price change as a consumer?</p> <p>Thank you, Mark Tanis</p>
	Andrew J Brinkhaus	Web	<p>When I heard about PSE's proposal for a rate increase while simultaneously investing in fracked gas infrastructure (which emits a significant amount of greenhouse gas emissions via methane leaks both during extraction, processing, transportation and use), I had to comment my disappointment. We live in an era of huge strides in clean and renewable energy, yet PSE wants to continue using the cheapest solutions (in immediate</p>

			<p>dollar cost) while ignoring the very real climate and pollution effects they pose. Instead of fracked gas, we should be exploring other options and I have many suggestions: wind, solar, geothermal, landfill gas, anaerobic digesters, wave, small hydro, etc., as well as grid batteries, smart grids, and other storage options to harness efficiencies in production and power availability.</p> <p>Furthermore, great strides are being made in nuclear energy research via molten salt reactors, which are much safer and more efficient than light water reactors and can use a more common fuel (Thorium) than what LWRs use (Uranium-235).</p> <p>Please consider your constituents when making these important decisions. We will remember your choices come election time, and do not doubt what many can do when working together.</p>
	John Doe	Web	<p>I wanted to share information I received in a recent job interview with PSE that could be relevant to your rate setting oversight. During the course of the conversation, we inquired about securing funding for various internal information technology (IT) projects. The PSE manager replied that he had never encountered a significant issue getting funding because the cost was always passed to the rate payers. They did not feel much pressure - beyond reason - to control costs. As an example, PSE had several multi-year projects with consultancies, including Accenture, supporting PSE's internal operations. I was told these contracts had not delivered results due to inconsistent oversight and PSE was in the process of making yet another run at solve these operational challenges.</p> <p>This conversation reinforced a perception I had received during a job interview a few years ago during which I was told PSE did not have a substantial budget review process. Instead, each department requests funds based on their expected needs, the number is aggregated and padded for UTC review, and then it is submitted. At the time I was told they were working to fix their self-admittedly broken budgeting process because the UTC had been looking more closely. It sounded like they were responding to UTC oversight but my more recent interaction tells me things have not substantially improved.</p> <p>I recognize I may not have gotten a complete picture of PSE's situation from these conversations. Even so, they left a bad taste in the mouth as a customer. I suggest this is worth looking in to as part of your regulatory oversight.</p>
	Keith Brown	Web	I am curious how much of this rate increase is due to Washington mandated policies. Green energy, minimum wage, and all of the minutia of government regulations that get put in place, especially by non-elected officials
Yes			
	Todd Norton	E-mail	<p>----- Forwarded message ----- From: Todd Norton <t444norton@gmail.com> Date: Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 2:09 PM Subject: Dockets UE-190529 & UG-190530</p>

			<p>To: <comments@utc.wa.gov></p> <p>Dockets UE-190529 & UG-190530 I support rate schedules that encourage conservation, in particular the proposed small rate increase to monthly electricity use over 600 kWh (Docket UE-190529).</p> <p>Todd Norton 1015 Railroad Ave. #515 Bellingham, WA 98225</p> <p>[sorry about the first aborted first message]</p>
	Luc Koenig	Web	<p>Dear Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,</p> <p>My name is Luc Koenig. I am 14 years old and an 8th grader at The Bush school in the Madison Valley area of Seattle. I am writing in support of your proposal of the clean fuel standard, and would like to see it approved. Since Seattle is a fast growing city, it is also contributing greatly to climate change. We need to act now and get the clean fuel standard approved. At my time at The Bush School, I have done 3 environmental projects including one I am working on now, involving skiing. As someone who is an big outdoor person and loves what activities our planet naturally has to offer; It is also something that needs to be protected. By getting the clean fuel standard approved, the Puget Sound area will be a step closer eliminating fossil fuels which are damaging our planet.</p> <p>Thank you for approving the clean fuel standard, and I look forward to seeing a greener Seattle.</p> <p>Luc</p>
	Erika Nedderman	Web	<p>No rate hikes for destructive infrastructure like the LNG plant in Tacoma. Please switch to renewable energy sources as quickly as possible.</p>