

WA State Utilities and Transportation Commission
PSE Public Comment Hearing 1/22/2020

This is a request that the State Utilities and Transportation Commission stop approving rate hikes for privately held Puget Sound Energy.

I live on Vashon Island, which is serviced by Puget Sound Energy, a for profit gas and electric utility provider

Our community and our state support climate change goals that require phasing out fracked gas

PSE has made no investments in alternative energy sourcing but continues to force dependence on dirty fossil fuels

PSE gets over 60% of its electrical power from dirty fossil fuels such as coal, oil and fracked gas

In its most recent 20-year plan PSE intends to expand its natural gas infrastructure, a methane potential heat trapping greenhouse gas mostly sourced from fracking

PSE is owned by a foreign investment company that includes pension funds heavily invested in oil and fracked gas

As a public regulatory agency, the WUTC is tasked with ensuring energy rates are reasonable for customers while allowing the company a fair profit

PSE just filed for another rate increase for residential customers even though they just raised rates by 14% two months ago and there's been a 50% reduction in market gas prices.

Approving 6.9% in electricity revenue and 7.9% in additional gas revenue translates to more than \$200 million annually for the majority Canadian shareholder owned corporation.

PSE is building the controversial Tacoma LGN project and although less than 2% of this infrastructure is designed for residential customers, they plan to pass on 43% of the construction costs through higher utility rates

We ask you to deny the requested rate hikes.

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