

Comments for PSE rate case hearing – Docket UE-190529

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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:

**PSE over-inflates their numbers.

**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.

**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!

**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.

**PSE has a blank check from the state— without a using bidding process- to earn almost a 10% return. On EE alone they will profit more than a \$billion dollars! The more PSE spends—the more they make.

**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.

**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!

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.