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Hello Lisa,
Just FYI, these are my comments on the rate decision in front of UTC,
Best
Claudia Riedener, Tacoma

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 and are extremely low – 50% drop over the last year.
Please don't punish WA rate payers with costs for Canadian infrastructure - the Canadian owners 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.
PSE is paying its top cadre \$millions in salaries, CEO alone takes home 8 \$M/year! No public utility can squander money like that. We have ZERO competition and PSE continues to squeeze consumers while spending \$ millions on deceptive LNG commercials, several push polls last year alone, 8-page glossy brochures mailed to every household, wall to wall advertisements on all platforms.
PSE even shut down customer service offices in most communities - people are sent to places like payday loans and Walmart to pay their bills. PSE is saving a boatload of money by scrapping customer service. How can they ask for more yet again?

Who is really standing to protect rate payers? I am concerned the UTC never denies increases.

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/politicians and the costs of PSE fixers (for example Charla Neuman) who spend their time in meetings community groups are organizing against gas.

We need a 100% transparent and clear accounting of all costs we are supposed to pay for.

Extra scrutiny is necessary due to PSE being a foreign-owned monopoly that leaves consumers zero choice.

Thank you

Best

Claudia Riedener, Tacoma