

			reading my opinion. Have a blessed day!
	Teri Shilling	Web	<p>I reviewed the notice of the proposed rate increase.</p> <p>It seems unfair that the accounts that are currently paying the highest rate have the largest % rate increase. It seems that those with lower rates should have the higher rate of increase to equalize the cost.</p> <p>I understand that costs have increased but residential customers have no options and are unfairly burdened with higher percentage of rate increase.</p>
	Joe Towns	Web	<p>I strongly oppose this rate increase. In this time of staggering inflation, people on fixed income are struggling to afford and maintain their standard of living. CNG needs to live within their means as well and plan for maintenance and replacement of infrastructure on their existing income and not put this on the backs of retired and hardworking customers. I urge a rejection of this proposed rate increase.</p>
	KAREN VARNELL	Web	<p>Please do not approve the CNG increase. There was just a 17% increase from them last year. We cannot afford another 5%. Inflation is hitting all of us very hard - from groceries to insurance to gasoline to property taxes. We are all struggling. Also, Cascade should do more to assist low income. They have the lowest threshold of income to qualify for assistance. Example: Snohomish County Single Household: With CNG, you can only earn \$2200 per month (200% of federal poverty), yet in Oregon CNG level for assistance is 300% of federal poverty or \$3400 a month. Less than one mile away from from my home (still Snohomish County), if I was with Puget Sound Energy, assistance would be based on 80% of AMI (Area Median Income) or \$5500 a month income. Snohomish County residents take a hard hit already with getting any assistance from CNG. Every penny counts for our budgets. Don't hurt north Snohomish County residents and give CNG another 5% (unless they match the Oregon level of assistance or the neighboring PSE assistance). Make it fair for all! Thank you!</p>