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I recently came across the Commission's decision regarding PSE's natural gas tariffs and the Climate Commitment Act. This paragraph particularly caught my attention:

"Second, we agree with Public Counsel that PSE should not include the proposed 'carbon reduction charge' as a line item on customer bills. Public Counsel correctly observes that including all program charges on customer bills would quickly result in lengthy and confusing bills. Additionally, only those charges or credits that inure to the benefit of customers should be included as line items on customer bills. For that reason, we require the Company to include the 'carbon reduction credit' on customer bills, which will also signal an economic incentive for consumers to reduce their own carbon emissions."

I have worked in environmental and energy policy in Washington state for about a quarter of a century. I must say that I can't remember anything so brazenly dishonest and corrupt as this. To intentionally hide the costs of the policy – ridiculously claiming it is to ensure bills aren't "confusing" – but then REQUIRE another line be added (which by your own logic makes it more confusing) to show credits is a level of shamelessness that shocks even me.

The result is that some people will think the new tax on CO2 emissions actually reduced their bill, which makes the bill more confusing and intentionally misleading.

You claim that your "Mission is to protect the people of Washington..." You are doing exactly the opposite and treating the people of Washington as suckers who can be abused and lied to for your agenda.

Washington state's commitment to public openness is based on the philosophy expressed in [RCW 42.56.030](#), "The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies that serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know." Your actions here are a direct and shameful violation of the spirit of our state's laws and constitution.

And the fact that the so-called "Public counsel" supports hiding the facts from the public shows she has abdicated her authority to speak for the public.

What a farce.



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"You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete." - Buckminster Fuller