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Subject: Docket UE-200980, PSE Rate increase hearing

[EXTERNAL]

To whom it may concern,

I wish to express my urgent and extreme opposition to the rate increase by Puget Sound Energy.

The reasons stated for requesting a rate increase are insufficient for any rate increase and the fault of higher costs rests in PSE's lap for agreeing to those new contracts.

1. Higher natural gas costs - If PSE would lobby for a conservative legislature, we would have lower natural gas prices by allowing pipelines from the sources.
2. New power purchase agreements – who negotiated those new agreements? The fact that the cost to purchase power should not fall on customers. Get better negotiators.
3. New and renewed transmission contracts – again, who negotiated these contracts? PSE needs to live within their means and adopt measures to internally reduce costs. All citizens need to live within their means and so should PSE.
4. After years of public service announcements to urge people to use less electricity they have the audacity to request a rate increase because customers are using less electricity. This reason is outrageous and should never have been stated. I'm in my 60's and lived through many campaigns to reduce energy usage. To use less energy use as a reason to raise rates is unthinkable.

To summarize, PSE does not deserve a rate increase and this request should be denied.

Most people who lost their jobs due to the pandemic can't afford the current rate let alone an increase.

I didn't get a raise last year or this year. In fact, I made less this year. How about implementing some internal cost saving measures within PSE in order to pay for those new contracts and agreements?

I oppose this rate increase!

Sincerely,

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