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Subject: PSE request to the (UTC) to approve an increase in residential electric rates by 3.5%

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Dear Commissioners,

As a PSE customer, I firmly believe that PSE does not need a residential electric rate increase when it has so far wasted at least \$55 million promoting an unnecessary Eastside boondoggle project, Energize Eastside, based on its false 2014 assumptions that we would be experiencing blackouts as soon as 2017 if the project weren't built. PSE in 2014 claimed there'd be extraordinary Eastside demand growth coming (dramatically higher than Seattle's), hence the supposed need. Seven years later now, however, we know the truth is otherwise. PSE now concedes electricity demand has dropped and will continue to drop as new energy technologies evolve and conservation improves, and are put into use. We taxpayers should not pay \$300,000,000+ for the ridiculous Energize Eastside project. PSE's deceit and greed should not be rewarded with a rate increase.

As a retiree on a fixed income I object to any unnecessary expenditures. I'm sure I am not alone in objecting to this rate increase.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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