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[EXTERNAL]

I write in opposition to PSE's requested rate hike.

PSE should not be asking us to pay higher rates for power generated from fossil fuels and fish-killing dams, nor subsidizing costs of natural gas export facilities and legal fees.

No PSE fee increases should be approved except in order to pay for investments in conservation, solar and wind energy, and power storage.

For example, PSE lists one rationale for its rate increase as "decreasing customer electricity usage." In an economically rational system, rates should decrease when demand and use decreases. PSE's utility "service" model is broken, and AG Ferguson must protect us from exploitation by foreign interests like PSE.

"Decreasing customer electricity usage" is a public good, courtesy of the residents of Western Washington. The people have voted with their pocketbooks! The AG's Office and PSE should reward and encourage these wise and widespread public initiatives to save our planet from the destruction of climate change.

PSE knows or should know this, and their request should be rejected. AG Ferguson must not let PSE take our money to subsidize its bad investments in fossil fuels and fish-killing dams. Thanks!

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