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[EXTERNAL]

As a rate payer in Skagit County, WA., I would like to protest PSE's proposed rate increase for 2021. I can afford the increase, so it is not a personal interest that I have but rather one on behalf of my struggling neighbors for the following reasons:

1- During a pandemic, it is unseemly to raise rates when so many people have lost their jobs and are struggling just to pay rent and feed their families. Any utility price increases are a potential hardship. Perhaps you can extend your Warm Home program to include these folks. I plan to donate more to this good program.

2- Many people, including my family, work hard to reduce their energy consumption for both financial as well as climate change reasons. Your recent Notice lists "decreased customer electricity usage" as one of the reasons the proposed rate increase is necessary. Raising their rates seems like punishment rather than reward for their behavioral changes.

3- This is related to #2 above. I firmly believe that investors benefit more from increased PSE income while rate payers can be hurt. I would like to see investors take a cut in their returns so that rate payers need not pay more.

thank you

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