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Dear UTC records UTC,

Dear Commissioners,

I concur with the form-letter below. I wish to add:

In 1986 I had to move from Queen Anne Hill to Redmond, to get away from bioimpacts of RF emissions from the broadcast towers. In Redmond I regained good sleep and much of my health — until, in June 1999, PSE installed their “smart” meters (AMR’s) in Redmond. As the installers worked at my house, I told myself “This’ll be OK, it’ll have to be OK, my workload doesn’t have room for any more to think about.” However, by 3 am it was plainly NOT OK (and has never gotten any better since) — my sleep dropped from normal 8-9 hours, to 4-5 hours, from the first night, and other bioimpacts (predictable from the sleep-loss, whether or not resulting directly from the RF) followed — including increased burden on immune system.

In Dec 2019, PSE “Upgraded” meters to AMI’s (transmit and receive). Thankfully, this time they offered “Opt-Out.” However, even with their “non-communicating meters” (NCM) on my house, the increased emissions from the neighboring AMI’s promptly dropped my sleep another hour or more — to average 2 1/2 to 4 hrs — with additional bioimpacts accumulating, including yet-more extra work to upkeep my immune system.

All of these impacts on my health have vastly increased my healthcare costs.

A lot of other people may be getting similar effects, and (without specific observation-disciplines such as I use), may not be recognizing the contributing factors (especially as the medical mainstream <—> polluting industries teach people to expect illnesses — to think that even nutrition, intake of ag. chemicals, etc. has no effect — certainly doesn’t teach people to wonder about RF/EMF exposures as contributing factors — despite that the whole difference between a live body and a dead one is its electrical field...).

I’m thankful for PSE’s good focus to rescue neighborhoods from power outages — power certainly is a necessity, and all the more during the pandemic.

However, PSE and other utilities are not taking responsibility for bioimpacts of their equipment’s emissions (their excuse is the FCC’s EMF/RF “safety guidelines,” which however haven’t been updated to recognize any of the science since 1984 — before even cellphones), and that attention — responsibility for those costs — is just as necessary as upkeeping the power.

Those are my added reasons for concurring with the following:

As the COVID-19 crisis enters its worst month yet, we urge you to reject the utilities’ deferred accounting petitions and issue a statement calling for shared sacrifice from the utilities during this unprecedented time. Utilities are not guaranteed profit and are not exhibiting any signs of financial trouble from the pandemic. Yet these deferred accounting petitions will virtually guarantee hundreds of millions in profit for shareholders and executives without asking for anything in return.

It’s critical that the UTC does everything it can to protect people suffering from illness, unemployment, and underemployment. I am asking commissioners to not force customers to pay for these extraordinary COVID costs -- the fees, mounting debt, interest payments that most deeply impact low-income communities and communities of color. Businesses and families across the state have already suffered enough. Massive corporate utility profits should be used to pay for COVID costs for the families most in need. Everyone needs to share in the sacrifice.

Please reject the utilities' deferred accounting petitions. They are too broad, include reimbursement for discriminatory fees that the utilities have been prohibited from collecting by Governor Inslee, and don't require the utilities to track savings as closely as they track costs. We urge you to put people before utility profit, and require utilities to share in the sacrifice demanded of us all.

Regards,

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