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[EXTERNAL]

Please reject PSE requested rate increase.

PSE does not need a 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. Even PSE now concedes electricity demand has dropped and will continue to drop as new energy technologies evolve and conservation improves. 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.

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