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Commissioners:

Listening to the presentation on King5 TV this evening was quite concerning.

Allegedly you at the UTC and presumably the Department of Ecology and perhaps others in Olympia have decided that the people do not have the capacity or intellect to understand a rate increase imposed actually and apparently by those in government and perhaps around CETA, so PSE does not intend to disclose the reason or perhaps the amount of increase on the monthly statements. Is the reporting possibly correct? Inconceivable if the case.

Rather than dissembling around such nonsense as an excuse for allegedly imposing what is in effect a tax not approved by the people, why do you not simply tell the truth? The arrogance is both offensive and astonishing. There is also a history of pricing concerns in the past supposedly with respect to a utility that is overseen by the UTC.

Rates at the CME published Henry Hub cash and futures have been rather consistent over the past year and before, at a very low rate compared to say, for example 2008. This is clearly supply related and should be reflected as a benefit to the people of the State of Washington. Instead, it seems like the UTC has constantly searched for excuses to tax or reasons to in effect overcharge the public. Could this be related to anticipated tax revenue from price levels for Natural Gas that existed over a decade ago?

There is no place for obfuscation in government. Citizens are fed up with similar circumstances around the nation. If you as commissioners cannot be honest and direct with the citizens, then please resign.

Tom Spence