

1                                   **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
2                                   **OF OREGON**

3                                   **UE 416**

4   In the Matter of

5   PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC  
6   COMPANY,

7   Request for a General Rate Revision.

**STAFF MOTION TO ACCEPT  
LATE-FILED EXHIBIT**

8           Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon asks the Administrative Law Judge to  
9   accept the attached Staff Exhibit 413 for filing in the above-captioned case. The exhibit is a  
10   compilation of public comments received by the Commission regarding Portland General  
11   Electric Company’s Request for a General Rate Revision. Staff files the public comments for the  
12   convenience of parties and the Commission. Staff could wait until the time it files Rebuttal  
13   Testimony to submit the public comments, but believes filing sooner rather than later is  
14   preferable for other parties to the docket.

15                                   **CONCLUSION**

16           For the reasons state above, Staff asks the Administrative Law Judge to accept the late-  
17   filed Exhibit Staff 413.

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19           SIGNED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

20                                   */s/ Stephanie S. Andrus*

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22                                   Stephanie S. Andrus, OSB No. 925123  
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                                  Utility Commission Staff

CASE: UE 416  
WITNESS: MATT MULDOON

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF  
OREGON**

**STAFF EXHIBIT 413**

**Public Comments**

**June 26, 2023**

**From:** [Amber Loving](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Vote no on PGE  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 6:20:22 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to PGE's proposed price increase. Most Oregon families, including my own, are already stretched too thinly, and adding more to their power bills might be enough to make them snap. PGE already has a monopoly on power in the state, so for them to expect costumers to cover cost of inflation seems absolutely ridiculous to me. Please do not allow them to put even more of a burden on struggling people. We don't need any more of our citizens being forced onto the streets.

Sincerely,  
Amber Loving

**From:** [Cori Woodard](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** (no subject) UE 416 (1)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 4:47:11 PM

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## PGE Rate Increase

Dear PGE,

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed PGE rate increase. A possible 14 percent increase is not tenable to many of us low income senior citizens in the Portland area. I live in a senior citizen's mobile home park and already have been stretched too far. I'm still working full time and able to do so, so far. Many of my neighbors, however, are not, and are battling health concerns and do not need yet another stressor put on them. With that said, rent increases, inflation and theft concerns continue to isolate and make us the forgettable people. Is this the way to treat people who have contributed to their country with military service, worked full careers in their community, and raised families that have done the same for lifetimes of dedicated, hard work? I think not. It's time to consider this, as you consider this ridiculous rate increase. What a slap in the face, to those of us who have fifty plus years working an honest job for an honest job's pay.

Other than making the flat rate increase, I suggest you create a tiered system, where those most economically venerable, like me and my neighbors are given a lower rate increase. Can you work with mobile home park management to accomplish this? Can you work with senior centers to do this, or reach out to health care providers? I don't support this rate increase at all. We've already had a big one this year.

Don't freeze us out. Give us the chance to maintain our dignity in a community where youth and high income earners seem to be the front runners, movers and shakers and able to make this increase a part of their budget; the most valuable. During the last cold spell, a neighbor didn't have warm food to eat, so some reached out and helped her get a warm meal. Don't make us beggars, afraid of cold or heat snaps that could literally kill us; and have, based on local news stories. Climate change is real, now a regular part of our rapidly changing world of global warming. Please, give us a chance not to just another number on a heat or cold death index. Give us a chance to maintain our dignity without the overwhelming fear of yet another bill we can't afford to pay. We're not alone. We're here to help each other, not watch other people struggle beyond what is too hard.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Cori-Ann Woodard

**From:** [AIR RIC JOBE](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** (no subject)UE 416  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 11:47:31 AM

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I oppose PGE raising this ridiculous amount of increase. Inflation costs have made it very difficult for me and my family to keep up , to the point that I'm working a full time job and a part time uber eats job . My full time job is not a low income job either. Automotive master tech . Home owner as well. In the whole I along with many others in this county are having to work more than just 1 job just to keep somewhat afloat. In short NO ON RAISING PGE UP THAT HIGH .

**From:** [Ken Johnson](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** 14% PGE rate hike comments  
**Date:** Monday, May 1, 2023 8:54:03 PM

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It seems that everyone has decided to ask for a rate hike well over the cost-of-living increase. Once one rate increase was approved, other businesses are joining in the game. The problem for our house is that we are seniors on a limited income. We don't have the youth we once had to take on extra work to meet 14% increases from Natural Gas and PGE and Water and Waste Management. I see the necessity of the 4.5% to cover rising costs in wholesale power and fuel, but why include the other 10% all in the next year. Can't it be spread out over time? It seems we are considered deep pockets for everyone's dream list.

John K Johnson, Aloha

**From:** [Sonja Hollingsworth](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** 14% rate increase PGE  
**Date:** Monday, May 1, 2023 4:46:00 PM

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I would like to submit my opinion on the PGE 14% rate increase next year. We live in a single family home and our power bill this winter has already went up about \$125-150 a month. My equal pay is now \$309 a month compared to \$230 two years ago. With this proposed rate increase i would be paying about \$40 to \$50 a month more on my equal pay amounts. This is getting to the point that i will not be able to afford the monthly rate therefore i will either quit using heat and be cold as well as not use air conditioning during the summer months as well or not eat. The average consumer is already struggling to pay their bills with the current inflation rate and live pay check to paycheck without having to find more money to pay electricity increases. PGE has a monopoly in my area. There is no alternative for us to switch to which allows them to do as they please. We already pay a ridiculous amount in transfer fees on top of paying for the actual wattage. I say no to a rate increase. It will cause a lot of deaths because people will turn off their heat and air.

**From:** [Evan Callahan](#)  
**To:** [PUC.PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Citizen Comment - PGE Rate Increases,  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 5:05:42 PM

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Oregon Public Utility Commission,

As a resident of Oregon I feel compelled to comment on this.

I think it is absurd for PGE to consider such a substantial rate increase without committing to invest it in climate resilient infrastructure.

Nevermind the fundamentally un-ethical fact that the public utility company is proposing a substantial rate hike while already operating a profit (<https://www.macrotrends.net/stocks/charts/PCG/pacific-gas-electric/gross-profit#:~:text=Pacific%20Gas%20%26%20Electric%20annual%20gross,a%2011.6%25%20increase%20from%202020>)

Every year that this company is allowed to operate in the West without converting above ground transmission lines to below ground is one year lost on the path to a resilient electric future. Each tree that is cut and each acre of forest land that is burned due to above ground transmission should register as a vote against *any* PGE rate increases this year and each year until the paradigm shifts.

Thanks,

Evan Callahan



**From:** [Karina Mosiienko](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on PGE's proposed rate increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 12:28:48 PM

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To whom in may concern,

I believe 16% utilities cost increase for residential areas is too high, especially for low income families or those who struggle to pay bills due to recent job loss. If PGE already made cost increase at the beginning of the year it can't be done quarterly. As a PGE utilities user I would like to see a detailed cost breakdown for system maintenance upgrades and how rising operation cost changed between January and May 2023.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Karina Mosiienko

**From:** [Stefan Rose](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Proposed PGE Fare Increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 6:07:59 PM

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Oregon PUC,

Please do not allow PGE to increase fares by 14% or better yet do not allow them to increase fares at all. PGE just recorded profits in excess of \$200 million in the last year and has no need for these increases and it will only serve to harm working families such as my household. Additionally, they just had a fare increase of 7% implemented. The largest users must face the brunt of any increases so the proposed minimal industrial rate increases are very insulting.

Approving another increase is just plain greedy and price gouging residential consumers. Please do not let this proceed.

Stefan Rose

**From:** [Clarice Thurman](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Proposed Rate Hike  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 6:44:15 AM

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Please consider your senior customers who depend on Social Security alone as their only means of support. I am in that population; we have no way to absorb an increase of that magnitude.

I pared my grocery bill down to the bare minimum. I keep my thermostat at already uncomfortable levels to keep my bills as low as possible. My health does not allow for employment in my retirement years.

There is nowhere for this increase in my budget. Please consider people like me in your increase request; if there must be an increase, give seniors less of an increase than other customers!

Clarice Thurman

**From:** [Francis Singh](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on PGE rate increases  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 12:02:34 PM

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Hello,

My name is Francis Singh, I am a resident here in Clackamas County, Oregon and I am emailing to express my concerns regarding the current rate increases for 2023. To increase the rates at a time when inflation is high, costs are high, and many families are unable to afford current bills is simply not sustainable.

Residents should NOT be the front bearer of the higher costs, that cost should be fitted to corporations. I myself have called PGE and there is little provided in any type of grants, assistance, affordability options, yet they ARE QUICK to send out notices when services will be cut. During the summer time, rates increase dramatically making it almost impossible to afford the high energy costs that can lead to hospitalization or even death of individuals who simply cant turn on their air conditioning and afford the hundreds of dollars of upcharge costs.

As a resident, we should be able to see a detailed breakdown of the costs they claim would go to upgrades, maintenance, etc. and IF they have explored options such as obtaining federal grants to help pay for these upgrade's. Oregon maybe a growing states, but with business leaving, residents moving away due to homelessness, crime, affordability, those of us who are staying should not be driven out due to higher costs. This rate increase will have me moving out of the aea and simply make it unaffordable. And PGE DOES NOT offer options to help ALL of its customers.

Thank You,  
Francis.

**From:** [Jose and Elena Galindez](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on proposed power increases  
**Date:** Monday, May 1, 2023 4:18:02 PM

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Dear Sirs and Madams:

My name is José I. Galindez Mesa, with my wife Elena a resident of Beaverton since 1994. I retired from Columbia Helicopters in 2021, am an ex-Intel employee of many years and also was active civically as a member of the Beaverton Budget committee from 2006 until 2021, serving at the pleasure of Mayors Drake, Doyle and Beaty, and was the Committee's Chair five years of the fifteen years I served the City, and you can find me on LinkedIn if you want further information on me.

During those 15 years I believe I established a reputation for being both a strong advocate of a strong, able, well-funded City and Police Force while being watchful of needless or unwarranted spending. Indeed, in 2008 I led a negotiation within the Committee and Council members to undo a proposed city millage rate hike by identifying areas of the general fund which could be trimmed without ill effects to the City's principal objectives and transferring said funds to the areas where funding was needed, avoiding what would have been a very ill-timed and socially impactful rate hike which would have taken effect during the onslaught of the housing crash of 2008 to 2010.

I find myself in the same situation today with the roughly 16% rate increase PG&E is requesting for 2024 and beyond -an increase completely unjustified given the cost of Natural Gas is within a few pennies of its 30-year low set in March 2020 during the onset of the stock and commodities crash of the Pandemic -easily verifiable data by looking at the following chart: <https://www.macrotrends.net/2478/natural-gas-prices-historical-chart> Beyond the data showing NG at generational lows today, the forecasts for the 2H 2023 and 1h2024 are not much better (higher) as the NG Futures also suggest a year or more at these almost-generational lows -yet against this situation, we are all paying the 7% increase PG&E's successfully lobbied for last January 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to that 7% increase, PG&E has been enjoying record-high billing rates while paying almost record-low prices for gas -a situation totally incompatible with 'a need for another increase'.

Oregon is not a 'low-cost' state -but power and water costs are one of the areas where we do have a competitive advantage to many other states. Given its effect on our already-high cost of living, the fact that power costs have a similar impact to households as does a very regressive tax, and its effect on our state's competitiveness, this increase of 16% when PG&E's feedstock costs (water and gas) are in abundance (water) and cheap (gas) should be a non-starter for any Oregonian to consider. I urge you to decline this increase and will immediately kick off additional efforts within my friends, contacts, family and members of the press to further and more actively support this request to deny PG&E their request for a ridiculous price increase.

Thanking you in advance  
Jose I. 'Galo' Galindez, CSCP  
14302 SW Rancher Ln  
Beaverton, OR, 97008-6724  
(503) 756-0801

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Courtney Snyder](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on UE 416 (1)  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 2:03:29 PM

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To the PUC, on UE 416:

PGE's proposed rate increase is unreasonably high, given its role as a provider of an essential public utility. In exchange for its monopoly, PGE needs to act in the best interest of the people where it serves as their utility provider. PGE's request indicates a desire to put the company in a more profitable position at the expense of Oregon citizens who are already experiencing incredibly high increases in necessary spending. I hope you will take action to restrict the increase to what is necessary for ongoing safe and reliable service.

Thank you,



**Courtney Snyder**  
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**From:** [Alice Sellers-Subocz](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on UE 416 (2)  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 7:46:49 PM

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UE 416 is a completely unconscionable proposition.

Too many Portlanders are already barely scraping by. Inflation has risen, as has our rent, but wages have not. We're already struggling from the 7% increase that PGE put into effect this year. A whopping 14% is crazy. Many residents will be unfairly forced to either sacrifice on other essentials, or forego using electricity when they need it.

PGE has already received a sizeable amount of money for the Faraday Facility. Yet construction has kept getting delayed, and in the meantime, the cost of the project has risen. What if there's even more delays? Will PGE be asking Portland citizens to fork over even more money for it next year? Is it just a money sink? How can we be sure the cost is reasonable and that the funds are being well spent?

It is also unreasonable to burden struggling Portlanders with a historic rate increase for the sake of PGE's profits. PGE is clearly trying to take advantage of its position as an electric monopoly at the expense of all of its customers.

I'm firmly opposed to UE 416.

**From:** [Laurie Brooks](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on UE 416  
**Date:** Friday, April 28, 2023 4:07:58 PM

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As a longtime Portland General Electric customer, I am writing to express my objection to the proposed rate increase of an average of nearly 16% on single family dwellings and nearly 17% on multi-family dwellings.

Many of PGE's customers are facing difficult choices in their budgets as we are hit with skyrocketing prices on all sides.

The reasons behind the rate increase request are inappropriate, against standard business practices, and/or beyond reasonable according to the CUB. These include forcing customers to pay more than the cost of natural gas component of our bill, pay additional because of a delay in the Faraday facility rebuild, and especially to pay more to increase shareholder profits.

I hope that you will deny this rate case request or at least reduce it to a more reasonable amount.

Regards,

Laurie Brooks



**From:** [Corey Vasquez](#)  
**To:** [PUC CONSUMER PUC \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Concerns about PGE's rate increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 9:11:00 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to express my concern about Portland General Electric's (PGE) proposed 14% rate increase. I believe that this increase is not sustainable and will have a negative impact on Oregonians.

I understand that PGE is facing a number of challenges, including rising costs and increased demand for electricity. However, I believe that the proposed rate increase is too high and will have a disproportionate impact on low-income and rural Oregonians.

I urge the Oregon Public Utility Commission to reject PGE's proposed rate increase. I believe that a more sustainable solution can be found that will protect the interests of all Oregonians.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Corey Vasquez

**From:** [Karri Garaventa](#)  
**To:** [PUC CONSUMER PUC \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Decline PGE rate increase request  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 2:02:23 PM

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To the PUC:

Please decline PGE's recent request to increase rates yet again by at least 14 percent. PGE is a publicly-traded company who operates with shareholders and CEO pay as their first priority. We consumers cannot continue being subjected to high costs from all angles. A higher rate was JUST approved a few months ago! No. These increases have real-life impact on folks who are barely able to pay rent. No more increases.

Karri Garaventa  
Portland, Ore.

**From:** [Allysa Roberts](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Disagreeing with the proposed energy increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 10:51:40 PM

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Hello,

My name is Allysa Roberts and I am a PGE customer in Portland Oregon. I do not agree with the proposed increase as the financial burden to my family would be too great, we are still very much feeling the increase from last year.

Please do not approve this increase, it is not sustainable for the average family who will be impacted.

Thanks you,

Allysa

**From:** [Kari Greene](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Docket #UE416  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 12:15:58 PM

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I am writing to oppose the proposed PGE rate increase. This would be the second year in a row for a rate increase, and would place an incredible burden on residents when the company is seeing their growth and revenue increase. The rising electricity costs cannot be disproportionately placed on residents and must be shared with large companies and organizations that use the services.

Please reject this rate increase at a time when Oregon households are struggling to make ends meet. PGE might need to have a slower growth trajectory or ask large corporations to share the burden. We cannot sustain this level of increased household cost of living year after year and the role of the PUC is to oversee rate regulation, not make sure PGE is financially thriving.

Thank you for your time,  
Kari Greene  
Portland, OR

**From:** [Stevan W. Pierce, Jr.](#)  
**To:** [PUC CONSUMER PUC \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Energy Cost Increases  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 12:20:10 AM

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I don't feel that we as consumers of PGE's electricity should foot the bill for the improvements. We don't see rebates based on how profit they turn. Why should we have to improve performance and safety of their systems?

**From:** [Lisa Clayton](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** First Gas now electric WHAT?  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 4:26:59 PM

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Are you kidding me? First you allow NW Natural to raise their rates. My bill went from \$89-95.00 a month to \$147.00 a month.

Now PGE is also getting a huge rate increase 14%. Well thank you Oregon PUC for at least not raising rates on gas and electric the same year.

I don't know how much of a pay raise you all received this year. My retirement went up 3%, 3%!!!! That doesn't even cover the 8-9% for inflation.!

When I retired in 2016, I was living pretty comfortably, did you understand me? I RETIRED.

I no longer want to work. After 29 years as a police officer, I should get to enjoy a few nice years before, 29 years of chronic stress and injuries kill me. But nooo I'm working two, yes two part time jobs.

But nooooo no great living for me, taxes are up, price of gas for heat and to drive, way up, thank you PUC for 1/2 of this issue. Groceries way up. I am a native Oregonian, born in Portland, reared in Damascus, all my life I've been an Oregonian. I have friends and family here, mountains, lakes, snow, hiking, fishing, camping, boating, we have it all here in Oregon. I can no longer afford to live here, it's pure insanity in Oregon. It's no wonder 1/2 our beautiful state wants to join Idaho, hell I may move there myself.

I'm one of the lucky retirees in Oregon, I'm saddened for people trying to live on SS. I haven't quite reached the point of eating dog food 2-3 times a month just to survive. But at this RATE it's coming. I don't like dog food, canned or dry.

Who does the PUC work for? How much graft, bribes, reduction in your own rates, do you all receive from utility companies? Hmmmm how often are you receiving luxury vacations, school tuition paid by the utility companies?

You must be lining your pockets because you are most definitely not looking out for the best interests of the people who live in this great state.

Shame, shame, shame on you and the greedy assholes of the utility companies.

Lisa Clayton

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [PUC CONSUMER PUC \\* PUC](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** FW: PGE Proposed Rate Hike UE 416  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 4:15:44 PM

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**From:** AJ Vaughan <ajv7vaughan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 3:57 PM  
**To:** PUC CONSUMER PUC \* PUC <puc.consumer@puc.oregon.gov>  
**Subject:** PGE Proposed Rate Hike

Hello

DO NOT ALLOW THEM to raise their rates by 14%....that is way, way too much and there is no good reason for it.

We consumers suffered through insane prices in every aspect of our lives last year and no one did anything about it. I believe it was the worst in 40 years.

You allowed them to increase their price rate in January so we did not get a break. A lot of people are having problems affording anything now.....prices are still going up, people can barely afford rent etc.

PGE should not be allowed to raise their rates.

**From:** [TOEWS Kimberly \\* PUC](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** FW: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC RATE CASE MAY 3, 2023  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 10:41:38 AM

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Hello,

Below are comments for UE 416. Kim

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**From:** David Lane <danelosscontrol@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 5:43 PM  
**To:** PUC PUChearings \* PUC <PUC.HEARINGS@puc.oregon.gov>  
**Subject:** PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC RATE CASE MAY 3, 2023  
Attention: Megan W. Decker

Letha Tawney

Mark R Thompson

Greetings!

Regarding the PGE Rate Increase Request, I would like to submit the following response. I will be brief, but I do request that you review the response, and provide an answer as to how you respond to the PGE Request.

1) The amount of rate increase (14.4%, as I understand it) is excessive, compared to the incomes of the population that would have to pay this amount. For example, for several years, Social Security recipients got very small raises, or no raise at all. For 2023, there was a COLA of about 8.7%. This is helpful, but will likely not happen again. In the future years, when Social Security may eventually be cut, PGE would still be expecting ratepayers to pay the higher amounts, taking a proportionately higher amount of the Social Security recipient's income from them. In general, many companies are giving raises of about 3%, maybe 5%, to their workers. Does PGE have the right to demand a higher percentage of the worker's income?

2) It was indicated that PGE wants the rate increase to build new projects, or make improvements to existing installations. But consider this: PGE will be doing these projects so that they can make more money selling electricity. Is it right for PGE to make the ratepayers pay for these improvements, so that PGE can make more money? Any other entity that wants to build a building, or some other type of facility, to make a profit, will borrow the needed money, and pay it back from their revenues. PGE is expecting lower-paid people to give them the money, interest-free, so that they will not have to pay the money back, and thus have even greater profits from these ventures.

3) Consider the chaos our economy would be in if all service providers, landlords, lenders, or sellers raised their rates in the proportion that PGE is proposing. Is it fair that PGE would be allowed to raise their rates in this proportion?

The above items point to one thing: Greed on the part of PGE. It is obvious that they neither understand their customers, nor do they care about them. They only want to take money from us. If the role of the Public Utility Commission is to provide any protection for the citizens of Oregon, I would urge you to NOT allow this increase.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing back. My contact information is shown below.

John David Lane

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**J. David Lane, ALCM**  
**Independent Loss Control Consultant**



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**From:** [PUC CONSUMER PUC \\* PUC](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Rising utility rates  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 9:34:01 AM

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**From:** John Vorhees <whoa883@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 8, 2023 9:26 AM  
**To:** PUC CONSUMER PUC \* PUC <puc.consumer@puc.oregon.gov>  
**Subject:** Rising utility rates

Hi there - I'd like to voice my concern over the proposed rate increase PGE wants to implement. Rates were *just* raised recently and another very large rate increase (about double what the current rate of inflation is) will only hurt your users. Costs for EVERYTHING have gotten out of control, and the corporations are only furthering the rising costs of everything. Greed is not the answer. PGE's CEO yearly compensation is \$6.3 million. At some point very soon the cost of basic living expenses will be too much. I already struggle to make ends meet and these increases will only make it that much harder to continue surviving. Is life not to be enjoyed? It is certainly not meant to be spent struggling.

Thank you,  
john

**From:** [PUC CONSUMER PUC \\* PUC](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** FW: UE 416  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 8:27:06 AM

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**From:** Christie M. <raiderchicchristie11@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, May 6, 2023 10:54 AM

**To:** PUC CONSUMER PUC \* PUC <puc.consumer@puc.oregon.gov>

**Subject:**

I have seen the newest rate increase proposal being asked for by P. G.E.

As a retired 64 year old living on my retirement savings, I find this very disturbing. I can barely pay for my service as it is.

P.G.E. should find a way to cut their operating costs before insisting customers be gouged yet again. It's absolutely ridiculous to keep increasing costs so much every year. I'm disgusted with the thought. They should be ashamed of themselves!

**From:** [Bill Corbin](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** I OBJECT TO AND CANNOT AFFORD PGE RATE INCREASES  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 7:15:11 AM

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My family can barely stay afloat in this economy. We have already cut everything we can cut from our lives. We work as much as we possibly can and are getting further and further behind. If PGE cannot supply us with power at an affordable rate it seems like we need to go back to our utilities being a public service and part of the infrastructure paid for with our taxes and run by the government. It was a nice idea to have infrastructure be for profit but it's been proven now that profit over people isn't working out for the people. Please do not allow the increase in rates.

Thank you,  
Bobbi Corbin

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Margaret](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** I would like to comment on PGE's rate case  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 12:07:20 PM

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<https://portlandgeneral.com/rate-case>

I protest and condemn this proposed rate increase. It is unconscionable for PGE to demand more money than they're already getting. Life is already difficult and expensive enough for the working class. Rent and housing prices are out of control, the price of groceries skyrocketed this year and never really went back to normal, and still, we are decades into a period where a lot of jobs (even "good jobs" that require a college degree) simply don't pay a living wage. Increasingly, periods of extreme weather force us to run our heat or AC more than we would like to, or run air purifiers during wildfire season. Especially since the beginning of the pandemic, we are all already shouldering so much, as more people have become permanently disabled, lost support systems, and fallen into debt. The programs that are supposed to help us are often overburdened, arbitrarily exclude people who legitimately need help (there's a lot of help I can't get because I don't have kids), have long waiting lists, or just don't do enough (my SNAP payments certainly have not reflected the increased cost of groceries).

If PGE wants to unburden the grid, there are other ways to do it. Ask businesses and wealthy customers with large properties to buy solar panels! I'd love to do it, I would jump at a reasonable opportunity to do so, but even with rebates it's more expensive than I could possibly afford. They should be asking more of the customers that use and can afford to pay more. Find ways to discourage corporate waste, like leaving lights on all night in offices and stores. Ask PGE how much their CEO earns. Ask them how much their execs earn. I can't afford to pay higher bills; I'm sure they can afford pay cuts.

Please do not allow them to shift these costs onto everyday people. This will hurt a lot of vulnerable people who are already terrified. Tell them to find another way, and re-think their own budget for once rather than forcing all of us to take even worse hits than we're already taking. Do NOT approve the price increase!

Sincerely,

Margaret Lacey (Salem, OR)

**From:** [candise coffman](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Increase  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 11:22:10 AM

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Please don't raise my P.G.E bill! I did really well until covid hit! Today my rent keeps going up and up and my disability payment paid to me is only 1,500 a month. I can't work I'm disabled! What is one expected to do? Please I'm barley making it today! "PLEASE" I can not afford you to allow PGE to raise my bill anymore than it is!  
Candise Coffman

**From:** [Barney](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Issues for consideration  
**Date:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:03:16 AM

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1. Why are we allowing advertising and/or media reporting false claims on energy conservation?
2. Why does PGE refer to us (PUC) as the overseer of all their policy?
3. Is the PUC analyzing all aspects? It is obvious we have some work to do.
4. Why does the Department of Ag or trained personnel regularly calibrate tanks, pumps, and meters, but not electrical meters? An example of the fox guarding the chicken coop.
5. Smart meter communication errors are occurring and should be analyzed and investigated.

Comments:

1. I have seen many issues since my return to the USA of our government agency's lacking in the service for the public (all of us) much I think a lack of training from those retiring for new hires.
  2. We approve the destruction of a newer cleaner energy coal plant, while many new dirty ones are being built and then we encourage consumers to reduce consumption during peak hours as lack of energy. In the end we actually use and pay more for electricity with these "brown outs" and now increasing even more with the electric vehicle surge.
  3. We allowed very clean energy, Trojan to be shutdown, consumers paid for its construction and demolition increasing costs.
  4. Learned of many very clean energy generating dams destroyed during my absence increasing costs?
  5. Common sense seems to be ignored today in the name of conservation when reality we are not really conserving only ultimately raising our costs, without real consideration of environment.
  6. Consumers are left paying for all these projects approved by our PUC that was developed to protect the consumer.
  7. Consideration of planning for domestic and foreign terror shutting down the grid very possibly for long periods. A real and growing threat we see no preparation/policies for?
- Writing this without addressing personal issues of excessive bills can no longer afford, but to give some food for thought on the direction and offer anything I can assist with for our PUC and for all as was the objective.

Thank you for reading the above, eager for your response and consideration of points.

Kind regards,

[Barney](#)

Barney G. Ward  
P. O. Box 930  
Gaston, OR 9119 USA  
[barney@dairyfab.com](mailto:barney@dairyfab.com)  
1-503-819-5901

**From:** [Jeff Price](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** May 3 Public Comment: PGA proposed rates  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 7:52:08 AM

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Two items for consideration:

- Stop allowing indeterminate liability regarding forest fires and allowing lawsuits. The result is increased insurance, increased power disruptions and increased excessive maintenance – all of which contribute to higher rates.
- Force rate hikes based on 'inflation' or 'material costs' to be temporary and reverse the hike to fall when inflation subsides. This never seems to happen.

Jeff P

Portland, OR

PGE customer for over 30 years



**From:** [Ashley Streeter](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** No more increases to electricity cost  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 6:48:44 PM

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Hello,

Cost of living is pricing people out of their lives. Increasing the cost of electricity again is asinine. The company is incredibly profitable already while people struggle to get a job that allows them to pay all their bills and still buy medication and food. On top of that, most people are not seeing raises for this cost of living. So again, do not increase the cost of our electricity again. Your company is already well compensated for the service it provides.

**From:** [Evan Weaver](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** No PGE Rate Increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 2:58:59 PM

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Hello There,

I'm not in support of the proposed rate increases without further justification as to why PGE cannot reinvest net revenue into proposed projects. Rates have continually increased ,relatively unabated. Individual household consumers need to be sheltered from on-going increase costs given over increased costs due to rising inflation. Thank you.

-Evan Weaver

**From:** [Brendan Parrott](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** No rate increase for PGE  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 5:26:14 AM

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PGE is a utility that's very profitable. Rates were already raised recently and consumers are getting squeezed from all sides. "Greed-flation" is driving up costs everywhere. It's not inflation. Government does nothing to stop it. They have a monopoly. There's no proper justification for an increase.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Chris Snyderbrown](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** No to PGE increasing the cost of electricity  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 8:36:22 PM

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Hello,

I recently read that PGE is asking to increase the fee for their services an additional 14% (on top of the recent increases.) Please do not allow this to happen. Budgets are tight these days, including in my own household. From what I know, they make hundreds of millions of dollars in profit each year. I can't see how increasing their profits is acceptable given the struggle to make ends meet that many Oregonians/Portlanders face. In a dream world PGE would be a publicly owned company with all profits going back into preparing us for 21st century needs, but for now, please reject their request for an increase.

Thank you,  
Chris Snyderbrown  
448 SW Primrose St.  
Portland OR 97219



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**From:** [Margo Kaller](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to 14% increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 11:16:16 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 14% increase in electrical rates, as discussed in the upcoming public hearing on Wednesday, May 31 (UE 416).

One major reason for my opposition to the proposed rate increase is the potential exacerbation of energy poverty. Many households in Oregon already face challenges in meeting their basic energy needs, and a 14% rate increase will disproportionately affect low-income families and senior citizens living on fixed incomes. These groups are already facing economic hardships due to rising costs in other essential areas such as housing, healthcare, and food. The additional burden of increased electricity costs will push many into energy poverty, causing them to choose between paying their utility bills and addressing other vital needs.

I also note that PGE is solidly in the profitable margin without any budget shortfalls over the past year.

In light of these concerns, I urge the Oregon Public Utility Commission to reconsider the proposed 14% electrical rate increase and explore alternative solutions to address the financial needs of utility providers without disproportionately burdening our most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I trust that the Commission will act in the best interests of all Oregonians, prioritizing both their financial and environmental well-being.

Sincerely,

Margo Kaller

Portland Resident

**From:** [Margaret Pieczkowski](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to increase  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 6:59:04 AM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 14% increase in electrical rates, as discussed in the upcoming public hearing on Wednesday, May 31 (UE 416). As a concerned resident of Oregon, I believe that this significant rate increase will have a detrimental impact on our community, particularly for those who are already struggling to make ends meet.

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Additionally, the proposed rate increase may lead to adverse environmental consequences. Higher electricity costs can discourage consumers from adopting energy-efficient practices and technologies, as the initial investment may become less financially feasible. This would undermine our state's progress toward a greener and more sustainable future.

In light of these concerns, I urge the Oregon Public Utility Commission to reconsider the proposed 14% electrical rate increase and explore alternative solutions to address the financial needs of utility providers without disproportionately burdening our most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I trust that the Commission will act in the best interests of all Oregonians, prioritizing both their financial and environmental well-being.

Sincerely,

Margaret Pieczkowski

Portland Resident

**From:** [Brandon Presley](#)  
**To:** [PUC.PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 10:02:45 AM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 14% increase in electrical rates, as discussed in the upcoming public hearing on Wednesday, May 31 (UE 416). As a concerned resident of Oregon, I believe that this significant rate increase will have a detrimental impact on our community, particularly for those who are already struggling to make ends meet.

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In light of these concerns, I urge the Oregon Public Utility Commission to reconsider the proposed 14% electrical rate increase and explore alternative solutions to address the financial needs of utility providers without disproportionately burdening our most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I trust that the Commission will act in the best interests of all Oregonians, prioritizing both their financial and environmental well-being.

Sincerely,

Brandon Presley

Portland, OR

**From:** [Curtis Barnard Jr.](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to PGE 14% rate increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 9:03:06 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing to urge you not to approve the rate increase. They are a profitable company that has already raised rates. Right now is not the time to raise them further. Thanks for you work.

Sincerely,

Curtis Barnard Jr.



**From:** [Kami Amann](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14%  
**Date:** Saturday, May 6, 2023 9:46:48 AM

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Subject:Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416

Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 14% increase in electrical rates, as discussed in the upcoming public hearing on Wednesday, May 31 (UE 416). As a concerned resident of Oregon, I believe that this significant rate increase will have a detrimental impact on our community, particularly for those who are already struggling to make ends meet.

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In light of these concerns, I urge the Oregon Public Utility Commission to reconsider the proposed 14% electrical rate increase and explore alternative solutions to address the financial needs of utility providers without disproportionately burdening our most vulnerable thareidents.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I trust that the Commission will act in the best interests of all Oregonians, prioritizing both their financial and environmental well-being.

Sincerely,

Kami amann

Portland Resident

**From:** [Mikhail Beloozerov](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416 (25)  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 8:03:46 AM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 14% increase in electrical rates, as discussed in the upcoming public hearing on Wednesday, May 31 (UE 416). As a concerned resident of Oregon, I believe that this significant rate increase will have a detrimental impact on our community, particularly for those who are already struggling to make ends meet.

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In light of these concerns, I urge the Oregon Public Utility Commission to reconsider the proposed 14% electrical rate increase and explore alternative solutions to address the financial needs of utility providers without disproportionately burdening our most vulnerable tharesidents.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I trust that the Commission will act in the best interests of all Oregonians, prioritizing both their financial and environmental well-being.

Sincerely,

Mikhail Beloozerov  
Portland Resident

**From:** [Sean Yeutter](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Saturday, May 6, 2023 2:31:05 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

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Sincerely,

Sean Allen Yeutter

Portland Resident

**From:** [melynda.jackson](#)  
**To:** [PUC.PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 1:28:23 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

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Sincerely,

Melynda Jackson

Portland Resident

**From:** [ryan.cox1138](mailto:ryan.cox1138)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 1:02:40 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

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Sincerely,

Ryan Thomas Cox

Portland Resident

**From:** [Katie Watson](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 11:37:13 AM

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Sincerely,

Katherine Watson  
Portland Resident

**From:** [Jarod Courtney](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 9:43:13 AM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 14% increase in electrical rates, as discussed in the upcoming public hearing on Wednesday, May 31 (UE 416). As a concerned resident of Oregon, I believe that this significant rate increase will have a detrimental impact on our community, particularly for those who are already struggling to make ends meet.

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Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I trust that the Commission will act in the best interests of all Oregonians, prioritizing both their financial and environmental well-being.

Sincerely,

Jarod Courtney  
Portland Resident

**From:** [Samantha Rodriguez](#)  
**To:** [PUC.PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 7:11:22 AM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

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In light of these concerns, I urge the Oregon Public Utility Commission to reconsider the proposed 14% electrical rate increase and explore alternative solutions to address the financial needs of utility providers without disproportionately burdening our most vulnerable residents.

As a personal account I couldn't heat my own home this winter due to the cost of electric. I live in a small, 2 bedroom apartment. It's an older building and still only has baseboard electrical heating in it. I used it in December to keep my home comfortable for myself and my pets. I received a \$500 electric bill for that month that I was unable to pay at one time so it had to spread across a few bills. I stopped using my heat as I could not afford it, even during the snow storm. My apartment was freezing all winter because of the already high cost of electric. Even without using my heat after the rate increase that occurred in January my bill is never under \$175. With another increase I will not be able to afford to run my air conditioning in the summer, putting my pets in danger as well as myself. I know my story is not unique to me and there many others already suffering even more than I am to pay their utilities and provide their families a safe comfortable living space. This rate increase is a cruel show of greed and lack of concern for Oregonians.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I trust that the Commission will act in the best interests of all Oregonians, prioritizing both their financial and environmental well-being.



Sincerely,  
Samantha Rodriguez  
Portland Resident

**From:** [Harlee Tierney](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 3:41:12 AM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to express my very strong opposition to the proposed 14% increase in electrical rates, as discussed in the upcoming public hearing on Wednesday, May 31 (UE 416). As a concerned resident of Oregon, I believe that this significant rate increase will have a detrimental impact on our community, particularly for those who are already struggling to make ends meet.

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Additionally, the proposed rate increase may lead to adverse environmental consequences. Higher electricity costs can discourage consumers from adopting energy-efficient practices and technologies, as the initial investment may become less financially feasible. This would undermine our state's progress toward a greener and more sustainable future while climate change is already ramping up past dangerous tipping points.

PGE also had a net profit of 233 million dollars in 2022. Instead of pushing for even more profits, they could stand to use the current money in pocket to upgrade infrastructure, perform maintenance and ensure the power grid remains functional during high peak usage times such as during summer heat waves. With the monopoly on power that PGE has on the citizens of Oregon, this seems like an out of touch, abusive cash grab; Please stop this proposed increase while so many Oregonians are already underwater and drowning.

In light of these concerns, I urge the Oregon Public Utility Commission to reconsider the proposed 14% electrical rate increase and explore alternative solutions to address the financial needs of utility providers without disproportionately burdening our most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns and the livelihood of most Oregonians. I trust that the Commission will act in the best interests of all, prioritizing both their financial and environmental well-being.

Sincerely,  
Harlee Tierney  
Resident of Hillsboro

**From:** [Travis Waltz](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 12:53:05 AM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition and frustration in reaction to the proposed 14% increase in electrical rates, as discussed in the upcoming public hearing on Wednesday, May 31 (UE 416). As a concerned resident of Oregon, I believe that this significant rate increase will have a detrimental impact on our community, particularly for those who are already struggling to make ends meet.

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Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I trust that the Commission will act in the best interests of all Oregonians, prioritizing both their financial and environmental well-being.

Sincerely,

Travis Waltz  
Beaverton Resident

**From:** [Zelli](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 11:54:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Matt Zelli

Portland Resident

**From:** [Jackson Clewes](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 10:10:09 PM

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>Portland Resident

**From:** [Sarah Foreman](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 9:50:42 PM

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Sincerely,

Sarah Foreman  
Portland Resident

**From:** [Sophia Cain](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 9:37:37 PM

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Sophia Cain  
Portland Resident

**From:** [H](#)  
**To:** [PUC.PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 9:30:55 PM

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I am also concerned as to why residential addresses will see a larger 14% increase, and industrial/business addresses would be seeing a lower increase in their rates. As the majority of energy usage comes from businesses, we should be encouraging in every way for them to use less energy. Residential addresses utilize their energy for basic human needs such as heating their homes and cooking food, and it is unfair that they should be taking on the bulk of these supposed cost increases.

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Sincerely,

Heidi Journey  
Portland Resident



**From:** [Amanda](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 9:13:27 PM

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*Sincerely,*

*Amanda Schehr*

*Portland Resident*

**From:** [Tanner Vannett](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 9:03:35 PM

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Sincerely,

Tanner VanSword  
2031 NE 136th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97230  
503.707.6232

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [sean](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 9:01:27 PM

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Sincerely,

Sean B Davey  
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**From:** [Jonathan Rogers](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416 (17)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 8:58:26 PM

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Jonathan Rogers  
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**From:** [Lonie Ernesti](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416 (18)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 8:55:37 PM

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>Portland Resident

**From:** [Melissa Williams](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416 (19)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 8:49:27 PM

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**From:** [Julie Wang](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416 (20)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 8:43:45 PM

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**From:** [rick.metzger](#)  
**To:** [PUC.PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416 (21)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 8:40:01 PM

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Salem Resident



**From:** [David Hayden](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416 (22)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 7:57:24 PM

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David M Hayden  
Portland Resident

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Sent from Iphone. Please excuse any errors or misspellings.

**From:** [Pamela Enns](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416 (23)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 7:28:45 PM

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> Pamela Enns

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>Portland Resident

**From:** [Justin Pratt](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416 (24)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 8:20:57 PM

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Sincerely,

**Justin Pratt**  
**Beaverton Oregon resident**

**From:** [metzgersuzie@gmail.com](mailto:metzgersuzie@gmail.com)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed 14% electrical rate increase - UE 416 (26)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 8:40:49 PM

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Sincerely,

Susannah Metzger  
Salem Resident

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [mitch](#)  
**To:** [PUC.PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Sunday, May 7, 2023 2:31:20 PM

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Sincerely,

Nichole Barrett

Portland Resident

**From:** [Von Taylor](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase -UE 416 (26)  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 12:08:32 PM

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In light of these concerns, I urge the Oregon Public Utility Commission to reconsider the proposed 14% electrical rate increase and explore alternative solutions to address the financial needs of utility providers without disproportionately burdening our most vulnerable residents.

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Sincerely,  
Devon Lee Taylor  
Portland Resident

**From:** [Von Taylor](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase -UE 416 (30)  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 12:08:32 PM

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Portland Resident

**From:** [bobbimwelch@gmail.com](mailto:bobbimwelch@gmail.com)  
**To:** [PUC.PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to rate increase  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 1:57:20 PM

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Sincerely,

Bobbi Welch

Portland resident



**From:** [Andrew Brown](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Proposed Increase in Electrical Rates (UE 416)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 7:25:18 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 14% increase in electrical rates, as outlined in the UE 416 case. I understand the necessity for occasional adjustments in utility rates, but I believe that such a substantial increase would place an undue burden on Oregon residents and businesses, particularly during these challenging economic times.

One of the primary reasons for my opposition is the potential impact on low-income households. A 14% increase in electrical rates would disproportionately affect these families, who are already struggling to make ends meet. For many, this could mean making difficult decisions between paying for essential utilities and other basic necessities such as food, healthcare, or housing. It is crucial that we strive for a more equitable solution that does not disproportionately burden the most vulnerable members of our community.

Additionally, small businesses, which are the backbone of our local economy, are already grappling with the economic fallout of the ongoing pandemic. A significant increase in electrical rates would further strain their finances and potentially jeopardize their ability to maintain operations, retain employees, and serve our community.

I urge the commission to carefully consider the broader implications of such an increase and explore alternative options for addressing the financial challenges faced by the utility company. These alternatives could include cost-saving measures, efficiency improvements, or more gradual and incremental rate adjustments to minimize the negative impact on Oregon residents and businesses.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I trust that the commission will prioritize the well-being of our community and make a decision that is both fair and compassionate.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Brown  
Portland, OR 97210

**From:** [Ronda Rozzel](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE 14% Increase  
**Date:** Sunday, May 7, 2023 8:21:27 AM

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Hello Commissioners,

I would like to voice my opinion on PGE asking for a 14% rate hike just after they asked for and received a 7% increase this past year.

To give PGE this increase will hurt the majority of customers with limited income, which does not go up 14% a year. My wages only went up 2% and that did not cover PGE's 7% they just received along with the other utilities that increased this year.

I realize PGE is asked to find cleaner alternatives to producing power to their customer base, but a 14% increase at this time is not the answer.

I respectfully request you deny the 14% increase and have PGE reconnect with the federal government (Bonneville) on negotiating better contracts than this overreaching 14% increase to its customers.

**From:** [Sarah Nycz](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE Bill Increase  
**Date:** Monday, May 1, 2023 9:18:29 PM

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Hello, I saw that there is a chance our PGE bill will be going up if it is passed. With current wages not rising a rise in bills will just make it that much harder to live. We already live close to pay check to pay check, like many in the area do. My husband works very hard to pay what we pay now and I am on disability. We can not afford this high increase. Please do not let this pass.

Sincerely,  
The Mathia-Moore Family

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Ansel Wallenfang](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE increase (2)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 5:22:22 PM

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Here are my comments:

Absolutely not. Invest your own profits if you still intend to generate profits. It is absurd to think that we should subsidize what's best for the interests of a fortune 1000 company and get nothing in return except higher bills.

Unless maybe PGE would like to issue us all stock relative to the increase?

**From:** [Jonathan Reynoso](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE increase  
**Date:** Monday, May 1, 2023 3:23:40 PM

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Hello,

Writing to you to let you know that this increase is just not acceptable. It is unfair to ask consumers to eat these costs when 44% of Oregon families don't earn enough to cover bills already.

Please do not approve this increase.

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**With Respect,**

**Jonathan A. Reynoso**  
**Cell: (951) 323-9037**

**From:** [craig.h](#)  
**To:** [PUC.PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE increase proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 12:18:20 PM

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I'm on a fixed income and can't afford a 14% increase on my bill. I don't know how anyone can afford an increase so large. We have all had to budget carefully as inflation eats away at our monthly expenses - shouldn't PGE have to do so too.

**From:** [Leah DeVito](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 8:21:08 AM

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The requested rate increase of 14% is way too high. “An average single-family residence would see its bill jump by 15.9%, to \$165.82 from \$143.11” That’s an additional \$240 annually for families who are already struggling to keep the lights/heat on. Oregon families are getting pinched financially in every direction, please don’t let the only electricity provider for many raise the rates that significantly. Keep the lights on.

**From:** [Steven Weldon](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE Price Rises  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 2:03:38 PM

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"PGE says the increases include 4.5% to cover rising costs in wholesale power and fuel. It also includes a 9.5% increase to cover capital investments. It is estimated to raise \$338 million"

My costs have increased as well for regular life. Please tell PGE to use the large sums of money they already collect.

Thank you,  
Steven



**From:** [Hunter Wingfield](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE Proposed 14% Rate Increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 1:19:35 PM

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Dear Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 14% rate hike that is being considered. As a customer of PGE's electric services, I have always valued the reliability and affordability of these services, and I am deeply concerned about the impact that this rate increase would have on me and other customers like me.

The proposed rate hike is simply too high and would put an undue burden on many households, especially those that are already struggling to make ends meet. In a time when so many people are struggling financially due to inflation and the pandemic, it is unacceptable to consider such a steep increase in rates. Many families are already dealing with job losses, reduced incomes, and other financial challenges, and a rate hike of this magnitude would only make things worse.

Similarly, this will have a detrimental impact on the effort to transition away from fossil fuels. It is unrealistic to expect consumers to adopt electric appliances and vehicles when they are struggling to afford basic electricity for their homes. Furthermore, I am concerned that this rate hike is not justified. I understand there may be a need to increase rates to cover the cost of providing reliable electric service, but a 14% increase seems excessive.

I strongly urge you to decline this proposed rate hike, and instead, work with PGE to consider alternative ways to address any financial challenges being faced, such as cutting costs or finding other sources of revenue. Please keep in mind the impact that this rate hike would have on PGE customers, and work to ensure that electrical services remain affordable and accessible to all.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Hunter Wingfield (a PGE customer)  
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253-709-2867

**From:** [Bill Mason](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE Proposed 14% rate increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 10:58:13 AM

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As a rate payer I cannot afford this type of increase in a basic utility. PGE has received plenty of rate increases in the last years and this is request is totally out of line. Vote No!

Bill Mason  
Milwaukie Oregon

**From:** [Bud Goldhammer](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE proposed rate increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 12:19:04 PM

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I FEEL THAT ANOTHER RATE INCREASE IS A BURDEN FOR MOST seniors . Also low income . You already gave NWN rate increase with the cost of food and fuel this is getting ridiculous! please vote no!

**From:** [wieberhome@comcast.net](mailto:wieberhome@comcast.net)  
**To:** [PUC CONSUMER PUC \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE Proposed Rate Increases  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 5:34:28 PM

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Hello,

I just learned that PGE is filing to increase its residential rates by an average of 14% next year. This sounds something akin to the 1970's styles of 21% increases back in the days of significantly higher inflation than we have now. In 1980, inflation and interest rates approached 20%. We have nowhere near that now. In the following paragraphs, here are some considerations:

\* I volunteer at a local St Vincent De Paul food pantry. We also help our clients with rent and utilities assistance. Our average client is under pressure from all 3 needs-food, rent and utilities. I can tell you that our available food assistance appointments have been booked, mostly solid for the foreseeable future. Our rent and utility allocations are per month and are typically exhausted within the first 2 weeks as it is. The most needy in our community are already struggling mightily. Why does PGE seek this huge of an increase and how do they justify it after an already huge increase this year?

\* There are already indications that job layoffs in several employment sectors are increasing and wage gains are slowing as corporations seek to cut their costs. With the fed's 25 basis points increase in the interest rate only seems to add insult to injury. I don't personally know of any of my working friends who have received a 14% pay raise this year.

Please seriously consider substantially reducing the rate increase request. Or at least help me to understand why they are going after this magnitude of an increase. I know PGE isn't the only utility seeking this type of increase, so please deny them this level of increase, particularly for the good of our neighbors most in need.

Thanks,

Pat Wieber

**From:** [Cori Woodard](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** (no subject) UE 416 (1)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 4:47:11 PM

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## PGE Rate Increase

Dear PGE,

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed PGE rate increase. A possible 14 percent increase is not tenable to many of us low income senior citizens in the Portland area. I live in a senior citizen's mobile home park and already have been stretched too far. I'm still working full time and able to do so, so far. Many of my neighbors, however, are not, and are battling health concerns and do not need yet another stressor put on them. With that said, rent increases, inflation and theft concerns continue to isolate and make us the forgettable people. Is this the way to treat people who have contributed to their country with military service, worked full careers in their community, and raised families that have done the same for lifetimes of dedicated, hard work? I think not. It's time to consider this, as you consider this ridiculous rate increase. What a slap in the face, to those of us who have fifty plus years working an honest job for an honest job's pay.

Other than making the flat rate increase, I suggest you create a tiered system, where those most economically venerable, like me and my neighbors are given a lower rate increase. Can you work with mobile home park management to accomplish this? Can you work with senior centers to do this, or reach out to health care providers? I don't support this rate increase at all. We've already had a big one this year.

Don't freeze us out. Give us the chance to maintain our dignity in a community where youth and high income earners seem to be the front runners, movers and shakers and able to make this increase a part of their budget; the most valuable. During the last cold spell, a neighbor didn't have warm food to eat, so some reached out and helped her get a warm meal. Don't make us beggars, afraid of cold or heat snaps that could literally kill us; and have, based on local news stories. Climate change is real, now a regular part of our rapidly changing world of global warming. Please, give us a chance not to just another number on a heat or cold death index. Give us a chance to maintain our dignity without the overwhelming fear of yet another bill we can't afford to pay. We're not alone. We're here to help each other, not watch other people struggle beyond what is too hard.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Cori-Ann Woodard

**From:** [SPENST Carissa \\* PUC](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rate case - comments from Raymond Elder  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 3:18:04 PM

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Raymond Elder

16817 SE Stephens St

Portland, OR 97233

503-515-5559 no email available as computer is not working

Raymond said that his comments are that he is a 73 year old on a fixed income and PGE should not get a 14% increase when they had a 7% increase last year especially when Social Security is only going to go up 3%. No way should they get that. He is opposed to the rate increase.

Thank you,

*Carissa M. Spenst*

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**From:** [roger@courtain.com](mailto:roger@courtain.com)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rate case  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 8:39:22 PM

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Dear OPUC,

In tonight's PGE rate case public comments meeting, the Powerpoint indicated the rates for residential customers will increase 16%, whereas the PGE website indicates average rates will increase 14%. This implies that the commercial and industrial customers rate increase will be less. In other words, the residential customers are going to be subsidizing the industrial and commercial customers even further. Both commercial and industrial customers already pay a much lower rate than residential customers. This proposed regressive rate increase adds insult to injury. We're all in this together, right? Well no, actually, turns out some are in it much more than others. Sounds pretty Orwellian to me.

In my long career as a mechanical engineer in an industrial setting, I've witnessed first hand how large industrial users of copious amounts of electricity choose to not pursue energy efficiency efforts simply because the payback period for their effort wasn't less than 2-years or even 1 year.... even with subsidies! Whereas, some folks living in their homes choose between freezing and eating. Seems like commercial and industrial users need more stick and less carrot.

I truly do understand rates need to increase due to cost of living increases. All I ask is that the increase be flat, across the board whether you rent, own a home, run a commercial business, or run a large industrial factory. All these entities exist within the same society. The rate increase needs to be equal regardless of your rate schedule.

Thank you,

Roger Courtain, PE, CEM

**From:** [jen.shops](#)  
**To:** [PUC.PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rate hike (1)  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 2:58:36 PM

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I just bought a house half the size of my last house 3 miles away served by Pacific Power. There were two of us in that home and just one person in my new home.

My electric bill is twice what I was paying for twice the square footage and twice the people. A 14-16% would be a hardship for me and I'm no where near indigent. I can't imagine how the average house will be able to have electricity.

Please don't raise the rates so precipitously!

Many thanks for considering,  
Jennifer



**From:** [Nikki Fisher](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rate hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 8:12:00 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to ask the PUC to vote against the 14% rate increase by PGE. Oregonians are already dealing with the increase cost from last year.

Thank you!

**From:** [Michelle](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE Rate Hike 2024  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 3:55:49 PM

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Hello,

I am writing regarding PGE's proposed 14% rate hike for 2024. As a consumer and PGE customer, I am very much opposed to this potential increase. We're a family of 3 living on a single income. While we've been able to make it through recently, the cost of inflation and everyday necessities is skyrocketing and putting immense strain on our household's ability to afford paying for basics like groceries. Every bill for every service has increased exponentially in the last 2 years, while employers are not offering raises or compensation that is currently in line with the cost of living.

The cost of housing in Oregon alone is well above the national average, especially for apartment renters, whose demographic we're included in. Families are challenged to find way to creatively budget. But it's getting to the point where any amount of extra savings or tax returns are quickly allocated to pay bills or pay off credit card debt accumulated when credit had to be used to pay a bill during a month when the bank account is running low.

Families are having to somehow make up the difference and find this extra money to pay increases, and financial assistance for help is often limited or runs out too soon to help even half the applicants. Mental health is at a breaking point and financial inequality is often the driving stressor in households on a day-to-day basis.

While PGE may not think much about such metrics in their decisions to raise rates, they need to reconsider the impact such a rate hike could have on already-struggling households that are paying high prices to simply exist.

Thank You,

Michelle Mullen

**From:** [Cindy Kimball](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rate hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 9:14:24 AM

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Good morning,

I am writing to express my opinion regarding the proposed PGE rate hike of 15-16 %. That is way too high for the average person to cover. NW Natural just received permission to raise their rates and now PGE wants a cut too. It seems to me, this could be a gradual rate hike and not such a steep increase at once. We are still in a slow economic recovery after the pandemic and many people cannot afford this drastic of an increase. With the extremely cold and long winter we had and the hot summers to come, the bills would be extremely high.

If PGE is granted this increase, how do you hold them accountable for following through on their plans for wind and seismic upgrades and improvements on the Faraday Powerhouse. They could just give it to their shareholders. This seems to me to be too high a rate hike at once.

Please consider those who have to pay this bill and the challenges they will have to try to afford the rate increase.

Thank you for your service.

Cindy Kimball

**DAVIS Diane \* PUC**

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**From:** Riley David Clark-Long <rileydavidcl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 3:55 PM  
**To:** PUC PUC.PublicComments \* PUC  
**Subject:** PGE rate hikes

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Greetings -

My family and I were incredibly disheartened to hear about PGEs recent proposal for a massive rate hike. Given that PGE had 233 million in profit in 2022 and moved to increase rates by 7% just this year, I was shocked to hear that an additional massive rate increase is being proposed. Oregonians are being priced out of their own state by companies like PGE, which operate in a de facto monopoly. Cost of living has become untenable for millions of Oregonians, and the additional year after year rate hikes by PGE may represent the straw that broke the camels back for thousands of families. I am a City of Portland employee with a decent salary and I am projecting that my family will not be able to afford living in Oregon in the next 2-6 years.

I was especially appalled to hear that the largest consumers of energy would face the smallest rate hikes - and normal working and middle class Oregonian families would be shouldering the majority of the burden instead. This is despicable.

If the PUC wants to signal to Oregonians that only the richest will be able to afford to live in our state and working class families should just leave, approving this rate hike will send that message loud and clear. Apparently PGE believes that normal working class Oregonians don't deserve to afford the basic necessities in life , like utilities.

Thank you for receiving and recording my comment.

**DAVIS Diane \* PUC**

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**From:** Lunda Albo <lunda.albo@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 4:22 PM  
**To:** PUC PUC.PublicComments \* PUC  
**Subject:** PGE Rate Increase

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14% rate increase is way too high. Especially with ever increasing prices in all areas of just trying to live . Food, gas, water, rent, insurance premiums and now 14% in electricity?? Not the right time to ask people to afford that. How about half that? People can only stretch their dollars so much.

**From:** [Ben Pierson](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE Rate Increase  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 8:42:33 AM

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Hello,

I just learned about PGE's request to raise rates 14% and I wanted to strongly object to this as a PGE customer and urge the PUC to deny the request.

PGE made \$230 million in profit last year, \$240 million the year before that. In a time when residents are struggling just to pay for inflated prices on groceries, this is yet another corporation looking to join the trend of needlessly increasing profits. They should be investing more in infrastructure improvements and enhancements before they start asking to make even more money.

These rate increases hit lower-income residents the hardest. Many people already are struggling to afford housing and increasing utility rates will only contribute to our homelessness crisis. PGE's only motive for this rate increase is to maintain or increase their profits for their shareholders. They're providing a public service so their rates should reflect what people can reasonably afford, with more exceptions given for lower-income families rather than for high-utilizing corporations.

Portland is becoming less and less affordable for Portlanders. Please deny this request for more profit by PGE.

Thank you,  
Ben Pierson

**From:** [thomasw23](#)  
**To:** [PUC.PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rate increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 5:31:05 PM

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The proposed rate increases which PQE wants are ridiculous. Asking people to pay that much more after the increases in natural gas and all the other utilities is draining us. Everyone keeps putting their hand out looking for more of our money, but no one is giving us more money. Send it back to them... they need to tighten their belts this time.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Jenny Yamada](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rate increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 4:47:55 PM

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Writing to formally oppose the proposed 14%+ rate increase for 2024. Many people are still struggling with the financial fallout of the pandemic. Many folks like me have stagnant wages while everything else has gone up in cost. I understand system improvements and maintenance are necessary, but going up that much in one year after they already went up by 6% this year is alarming. It perhaps indicates mismanagement on their part.



**From:** [jaime lupita](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rate increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 1:54:40 PM

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Thank you for taking my comment on PGE's 14% rate increase.

My family and I reside in Corbett. My last five bills have averaged \$240/month. We have an energy efficient heat pump. Our home is insulated. I turn the thermostat down to 64 every night. I burn as much wood as possible during the winter months as the bill is incredible. I have changed out every light bulb for led's. We have lived in this house for a few years now. I inquired with pge about how expensive the bills are. The bill is the lowest this house has ever seen going back several years. With the increase, that would put my bill on average about \$275/month. I have already canceled my green energy subscription months ago in an attempt to further reduce the cost (which I've had for the last 20 years). My power is already inconsistent here. If it isn't power outages due to snow it's the trees, if not the trees then wind, if not the wind, then fire danger. Allegedly we have some of the cheapest power in the nation due to our power generation abilities. We have an abundance of electricity, so much so, I understand we sell it. If solar wasn't \$20,000 to get into I'd have panels on the house. I'm quite limited in my options. Stocks are available of pge on the nyse. I'm sure they will be quite pleased if a rate increase is passed. I'd like to ask my employer to also give me a 14% raise...I can't even get a cost of living raise which is half that. How about pge looks at spending my hard earned money more efficiently than they do. I'd love it more if pge were a public utility. Please do not allow pge to raise its rates, not even a penny. Thank you for reading this through.

Sincerely,

Marc Lewis

**From:** [HARRISON Danielle \\* PUC](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE Rate Increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 1:45:42 PM

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Name: Reid Zielinski

CBR: 503-507-5571

Issue: Reid contacted Consumers at the PUC to have a public comment submitted regarding the proposed rate increase. Reid states: "Last year PGE already increase their rates by 7%, and the year before. Now they are asking for 14% even though the company recorded profits to shareholders. PGE should be reinvesting the profits instead of raising rates. I think this rate increase is going to cause a hardship on consumers and many may die during the Summer as they won't be able to afford to pay for the electricity for their AC. I don't feel this is right they are asking to raise rates by 14%."

**Danielle Harrison**  
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**From:** [Blaine Ackley](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE Rate Increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 1:41:28 PM

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Dear PUC Commissioners,

I would argue that PGE is submitting this request for a rate increase too early. Now interest rates are high, the supply chain is still disrupted, and some banks are going out of business. This is an unsettled time.

If you grant them a rate increase now, will they be seeking a rate decrease when prices level out, interest rates decline, and the supply chain becomes more normal? I think that they will not do this.

For years, PGE has sought rate increases to cover for their poor management performance. Who erected the Rainier Nuclear Power Plant, the Boardman coal fired generating plant, the gas turbine plants? And in each case we rate payers paid for their poor decisions.

It is time for this to end and so I recommend that you not grant the PGE rate increase at this time. Ask them to return in a year to see how things are going. And ask them to provide proof about what they are doing to make wind, solar, and wave power with battery storage a greater mix in their power acquisition needs.

:)Blaine Ackley  
655 NE 67th Ave.  
Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

**From:** [Heidi Wilson](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rate increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 7:03:38 PM

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As longtime Oregonians and East county residents we are opposed to any rate increase, especially 21 % over 2 years. We are retired and we do not receive increases in our fixed income. All of our costs have gone up and your service level has gone down. In east county we have far too many outages which cost hundreds of dollars in spoiled food. No power during cold weather creates hazards such as potential freezing pipes since we have a well. We do support green energy but these rate increases are over the top. People are truly affected by your decisions. Vote no on these increases.

The Wilson's  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Maria Plunkett](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE Rate Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 12:30:15 PM

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I am a senior citizen and can hardly afford my rent, let alone a higher electric bill. The 7% raise hit hard. The thought of that doubling in 2024 is heartbreaking. Please do not do this! People are choosing between eating or having a roof over their head as it is. This madness has to stop. Oregon is creating all the homelessness we are experiencing and it's not getting any better.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Margaret Flerchinger](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rate increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 11:51:39 AM

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Hello,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the PGE proposed rate increase of 14%. PGE implemented a rate increase just this year. Another rate increase this soon is too much. If the Board truly recognizes that a rate increase when many customers are already dealing with high inflation presents challenges to many customers as stated in an Oregonian article on January 2, 2023, then the Board should not move forward with this proposal.

PGE may offer discount programs for low income household but chipping away at those that don't qualify doesn't help. The average kWh usage is also an underestimate. During winter months many use over 1000 kWh making this proposed rate increase even worse. This is especially true for houses that are all electric which appears to be the push in Oregon. It's time to pause rate increases and let customers get some relief.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Margaret Flerchinger  
Portland, OR

**From:** [Tiffany Ottis](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rate increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 8:45:36 AM

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To whom it may concern-

Inflation, fixed income and need. My husband was medically retired two years ago. Luckily I got, for the first time since 2001, a full time job to continue to cover our mortgage and other bills. Before, he had worked full time to my part time so I was home for our children. His insurance is \$950 a month, just for him! We are still parenting our two teens and live very modestly- a 2014 vehicle that was just paid off.

Submitting to yet another increase a year after I weathered a 7% increase and the proposed rate is twice as much, is insane.

Please consider all those living at or less than AMI. We are a family of four and will soon be priced out of our home- living on government handouts and "be happy".

Tiffany Ottis

**From:** [oregongalvin@gmail.com](mailto:oregongalvin@gmail.com)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rate increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 8:16:27 PM

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I am writing to express my deep concerns about the proposed electric rate increase that has been recently announced. As a concerned citizen and customer, I strongly believe that this rate increase will have a negative impact on the community and should be reconsidered.

Firstly, an electric rate increase will put a financial burden on many individuals and families who are already struggling to make ends meet. The cost of living has risen significantly in recent years, and many people are already struggling to pay their bills. A rate increase will only make things worse and may force some people to make difficult choices about which bills to pay and which necessities to go without.

Secondly, an electric rate increase will also adversely affect small businesses in our community. Many small businesses already operate on tight profit margins and a rate increase will only add to their expenses, making it harder for them to stay afloat. This could lead to job losses, reduced services, and fewer options for consumers.

Finally, an electric rate increase will discourage the adoption of environmentally friendly technologies and practices. Many people are already interested in reducing their carbon footprint and minimizing their impact on the environment. However, if electric rates increase, people may be less likely to invest in solar panels, energy-efficient appliances, and other green technologies that can help reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

In light of these concerns, I urge you to reconsider the proposed electric rate increase. I understand that the cost of maintaining and upgrading the electric grid is a significant expense, but I believe there are other ways to address these costs that will not burden the community and discourage the adoption of green technologies.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



**From:** [manyright](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Cc:** [Oregongalvin@gmail.com](mailto:Oregongalvin@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** PGE rate increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 8:03:14 PM

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Good evening,

I am writing with the MAJOR concern of the potential PGE rate increase. Most families are already struggling to pay their bills with inflation and this will absolutely cause hardship for many. A significant increase already took effect last year, and now they want another 16.5% increase for homeowners? No way! That is absolutely ridiculous. I sincerely hope they reconsider this.

Thank you for your time,

Eileen

**From:** [HARRISON Danielle \\* PUC](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE Rate Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 9:58:12 AM

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Name: Mary Parker

CBR: 503-873-5016

Issue: Mary contacted Consumer Services for the PUC and asked to have someone submit her public comment. Mary states she is “upset about the PGE rate increase. I think it’s unjustified as PGE just had a rate increased of 7% this year. It’s hard to make a living as a senior citizen as we don’t get a 7% increase in our Social Security. I feel the company needs to budget their money better just like the rest of us.”

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**From:** [ROD HARDER](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Cc:** [Harder, Eileen](#)  
**Subject:** PGE Rate Increase Just say No  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 10:28:11 AM

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Please say a loud NO to the ridiculous rate increase PGE is requesting. A 14 per cent increase will raise our monthly average payment to over \$300.00 per month. We are senior citizens on Social Security , I am 87 and PGE should have to get along with the same per centage raise SS recipients received.

Rod Harder

Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. **Liberty is a well armed lamb contesting the vote.** *Ben Franklin*

**From:** [James Webb](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rate increase meeting minutes  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 7:22:18 AM

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Is it possible to get a copy of the zoom meeting? I was not able to attend but wanted to see how things went. I am concerned about the rate increase when the wind project that we are taxes on the power is being sent outside our area causing the rate increases.

Respectfully,

James Webb

CR Electrical LLC

**From:** [craig.h](#)  
**To:** [PUC.PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rate increase proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 12:14:51 PM

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PGE rate increase proposal

At 14% is something I can't afford. I'm on a fixed income and retired no one is giving me an increase in my monthly income. Furthermore I can't see how a family can afford this much of an increase. We all have to cut back and budget accordingly these days shouldn't PGE have to do so too.

**From:** [Kelley Martin](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE Rate Increase Public Comment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 10:48:22 AM

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Hello-

My name is Kelley Martin and I live in Beaverton, OR. I am actually writing in support of my father, Kevin Martin, who lives in Aloha, OR. He is a senior citizen on a fixed social security only income. He receives financial support from PGE to cover a nominal portion of this monthly electric bill. I am writing to express concern on behalf of our fixed income citizens and senior citizens.

I am concerned that this proposed rate increase for PGE in 2024 will negatively impact our region's seniors and those on fixed incomes. Inflation has been extremely challenging for many of our residents, especially this demographic. In particular those that are on social security only--the benefit has not been able to rise enough to keep up with the increases to the cost of living in the area. And I would hate to see some folks have to choose between keeping their lights on/air conditioning OR if they will have enough to eat.

While I am also invested in the business community, I understand the need for PGE's cost increases--to keep up with demand, repairs, infrastructure improvements, etc. but would hope that the increase could be staggered more over time in incrementally smaller percentages--at a minimum.

Thank you for your consideration and care for an underserved demographic of our population--senior citizens and those on fixed incomes.

Sincerely,  
Kelley Martin, Age 41  
7120 SW Palmer Way  
Beaverton, OR 97007

&

Kevin Martin, Age 72  
4660 SW 173rd Ave.  
Aloha, OR 97078

**From:** [Scott Hollister](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rate increase request  
**Date:** Sunday, May 7, 2023 10:35:23 AM

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The request by PGE to raise their electricity rates should be reduced to no more than the annual social security increase percentage. I am retired and living on my social security check (though that fails to cover my property taxes!). Last year the social security increase was about 8-1/2% and reports say this year the increase will be less than that. So, please hold PGE, and all other utilities you regulate, to no more than what social security increases each year.

**From:** [Kathryn Chambers](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Cc:** [Sen Patterson](#); [Sen Sollman](#); [Sen Jama](#)  
**Subject:** PGE RATE INCREASE REQUEST  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 9:00:55 AM

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Once again, PGE is requesting a rate increase to pass costs to the most vulnerable Oregon Citizens; Senior Citizens and the working poor.

We should not have to bear the burden of a company that cannot manage their own costs, panders to shareholders and pays top executive millions in compensation.

It is time for the PUC to stand up to this utility and tell them to stop burdening the public and adding to the homeless problem by raising rates to the point citizens cannot afford rent and utilities.

Kathryn Chambers  
abbykats@hotmail.co



**From:** [HARRISON Danielle \\* PUC](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE Rate Increase UE 416  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 4:15:24 PM

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Name: Anonymous

Issue: A gentleman called into Consumers and wanted to give an anonymous public comment on PGE rate increase – He stated, “I don’t want it to be approved. I can’t afford my bill as it is and I haven’t been able to pay my bill in the last three months because it’s so high. I read that the reason is for the upgrading of equipment. If this is the case PGE needs to manage their business better so the increases are done at a lower rate over a longer period of time. I feel they need to run their business better and not waste money so they have to increase rates. I heard something about PGE is also raising their rates to deal with inflation. The rest of us are dealing with it and we don’t get to tell our employers to raise our wages since the cost of food has increased. If regular businesses can’t do those kinds of things, then PGE shouldn’t be allowed to either.”

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**From:** [Zoe Barton](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE Rate Increase  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 3:05:05 PM

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Hi,

I wanted to email to express my disappointment about PGE's proposed rate changes. The amount they are asking for is completely ridiculous and greedy. They should be made to pay for this themselves. Price increases like these force low income people to leave Portland and encourage those who are doing alright or well off to also leave. Myself and so many people I know are sick of getting ripped off by Portland. E companies like PGE act like they need money now, but can't actually get work done and deliver results. Pathetic.

Sincerely,  
Zoe Barton

**From:** [Quintein Vazquez](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE Rate Increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 11:19:54 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to you today as a concerned citizen of Oregon to express my opposition to the proposed 14% increase in electrical rates that Portland General Electric is requesting. I believe that this rate increase would be a hardship for many Oregonians, especially those who are already struggling to make ends meet.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on the economy, and many Oregonians are still struggling to recover. A 14% increase in electrical rates would be a significant financial burden for many families, and it could push some people into poverty.

I understand that utility companies may be facing financial challenges, but I believe that there are other ways to address these challenges without raising rates so significantly. For example, Portland General Electric could:

- Reinvest excess profits back into the company to improve efficiency and reduce costs.
- Lower its administrative costs.
- Reduce its reliance on fossil fuels and invest in renewable energy sources while maintaining a consumer-friendly balance in rates in the interim.

I urge you to reconsider the proposed rate increase and to explore other, more equitable ways to address the financial challenges facing Portland General Electric. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Q. V.

**From:** [Kathryn Chambers](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE RATE INCREASE  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 9:27:29 AM

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Why is the PUC considering a rate increase while the PGE employees enrich themselves at the expense of Senior Citizens and the working poor.

See below:

"The estimated Net Worth of Maria M Pope is at least \$7.35 Million dollars as of 27 November 2017. Ms. Pope owns over 26,045 units of **Portland General Electric Co stock** worth over \$1,072,267 and over the last 17 years she sold POR stock worth over \$2,212,628. In addition, she makes \$4,065,950 as President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director at Portland General Electric Co.

Over the last 17 years, **insiders at Portland General Electric Co** have traded over \$7,783,836 worth of Portland General Electric Co stock and bought 9,000 units worth \$443,030 . The most active insiders traders include **Marie Oh Huber**, **Patricia Salas Pineda**, and **Jack E Davis**. On average, Portland General Electric Co executives and independent directors trade stock every 107 days with the average trade being worth of \$252,042. The most recent stock trade was executed by **Brett Michael Sims** on 9 March 2023, trading 2,050 units of POR stock currently worth \$96,350." Wallmine

If the PUC does not prevent PGE from burdening it's customers, the PUC will be complicate in increasing homelessness for people who cannot afford to pay utility increases and rent even though those citizens are working.  
Kathryn Chambers

**From:** [J BENJAMIN](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rate request  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 5:49:12 PM

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As a retired labor union administrator I am clearly aware of an employers' need to pay its bills and prosper. Ratepayers have these same desires, but cannot just announce a need for and expect an increase in revenue of over 14 percent.

These days some can afford it, some will have to adjust, and others will go without one if they're essentials. We must do something for PGE and do something for those who will suffer: most retirees, the majority of the disabled and disadvantaged. Good luck on finding the middle ground.

J. Benjamin, retired Teamster

**From:** [Nanette Nielson](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE rates rising.  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 11:29:55 PM

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Hi!

As a constituent, please don't move forward with rate hikes.

My company just laid off 8% of its workers. With more possibly around the corner if production stays soft. Though I haven't spent a penny, my savings initially set up for covering 3 months of bills, will now barely cover 1.5 in the event I am in the next round of cuts. I recognize that my situation is not nearly as dire as others.

But didn't we JUST give them a price increase of something like 7% last year or so? An additional 15% seems to be outpacing inflation and definitely outpacing wage increase.

It seems like PGE has more opportunities internally for making budget adjustments to make the things they need to have happen, happen.

Thanks,  
Nanette Nielson  
738 se 29th ave  
Portland, OR 97214

**From:** [Daniel Harris](#)  
**To:** [PUC CONSUMER PUC \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PGE's increased electricity rates in 2024  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 8:47:19 PM

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Hello, my name is Daniel Harris. I don't know if this is the right place to send this email, but I heard about PGE's intention to raise electricity prices in 2024 and I have to say, as a long-time Portland resident this is really frustrating. Everything seems to be going up in price these days and it's already been a struggle dealing with the current increase to my bill. Any further increases would make where I am unlivable, and I can't imagine I'm the only one who feels this way. Is there anything that can be done about these seemingly arbitrary bill hikes? Do you know who I'd contact about this? Any help with this issue would be greatly appreciated.

- Daniel Harris

**From:** [Josh Hutchinson](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PLEASE DO NOT RAISE PGE RATES  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 2:43:30 PM

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This is extremely detrimental to the average, bill-paying residents who are already getting hit with higher bills from the summer. Every year, summer gets hotter and longer. And for what? Who benefits from this? Not the "customer", that's for sure. PGE is already a monopoly, we're already completely at the mercy of these profiteers, so at the very least the PUC can keep them on a leash. LOWER the goddamn rates. Don't make them higher. Don't make our paycheck-to-paycheck lives any fucking harder than they have to be. Please reconsider. <3



**From:** [Ana Tighe](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Please vote no on the proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 10:50:44 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Given the 233 million in profits PGE pulled in last year, I see no reason to justify a rate increase. This is a private entity and they should be responsible for paying for and investing in the infrastructure of the utility out of their own profits.

Many Oregonians have voluntarily taken rate increases to pay for renewable energy projects, what has happened to that money?

In this time of economic instability and inflation, PGE needs to start making responsible financial decisions as many companies across the country have done, not just saddling customers with the cost of their bad decisions.

Additionally, I hope you will strongly consider moving to a Public Utility model. The monopoly system is obviously not working for the people of Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Ana Tighe

**From:** [Kevin Lourenco](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Portland GE proposal feedback  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 9:22:28 AM

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Hello,

My first public comment so hello and thanks for reading! I hope to contribute more going further. I strongly oppose the PGE request to increase electricity rates by 14% ...

<https://www.wsj.com/market-data/quotes/POR/financials/annual/income-statement>

Last year PGE made 233 million in profit... PROFIT! That is after all existing expenses. Please stop choking the average Portlandian out of your city for gains that have absolutely no correlation to benefitting the public. What is being done with the existing 200+mil? .

You need to recognize the collapse of CORPORATE real estate has affected all downtowns – Portland has already experienced this downturn. We all understand that the norm of 4 years ago doesn't exist today. You should also see this downturn of CORPORATE real estate as evidence that CORPORATIONS will do what is best for themselves and their margins. Oregon needs to rethink their position on the average citizens expenses to incentivize the new money of tech to be distributed across the Oregon landscape. Government grows because of the PEOPLE it represents. Not the businesses.

Regards,

Kevin Lourenco

**From:** [Eliza Torres](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Portland General Electric (PGE) - Docket No. UE 416  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 12:04:48 PM

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I do not agree with the proposed rate hikes in for Portland General Electric (PGE) - Docket No. UE 416.

An average of 14% increase to customers will directly impact the ability of an individual or family to afford basic necessities to survive. Cost of living in Portland is high, minimum wage does not equate to a living wage within the city limits, both rising rates of poverty and lack of living wage have created an unsustainable foundation for communities across Portland. An additional increase by a company meant to provide basic utilities will directly affect the survivability of families already near or below poverty levels. Someone should not have to decide between feeding their family and keeping the lights on, keeping cool in the ever-increasing summer heat, or keeping warm in below-freezing temperatures.

If capital is needed to complete sustainability projects, collect it from companies that generate multi-million dollar per year profits, not individuals struggling to afford basic necessities.

**From:** [Jack Adams iii](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Power increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 6:18:22 PM

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In todays world about solar and wind and the. COST of utilities and capital expenses they want to spend. Why doesn't the pg&e offer credit and payment for a home owner to buy the solar and PG&E pay for the extra at a reduce rate to make it more affordable to a home peer to install a solar panel. If I install a solar panel it take 15 years to break even and if that there is no power increase in the 15 years. That's stupid. If PG&E buys power from other places and dams why can't they buy from a private party to make Oregon go greener.

Jack Adams

**From:** [Mark Champion](#)  
**To:** [PUC CONSUMER PUC \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** price increase  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 9:29:45 AM

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This is just the beginning now that the coal plant was shut down 20 years early. The coal plant could have still been running while we figured out how to produce the same energy with something else. Prices will continue to go up for a long time. As well as rolling black outs in a couple of years.

Let the good times roll....

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Mark Champion  
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**From:** [Martin Rodriguez](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 1:03:38 PM

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I'm declaring no to your proposal .I reviewed PGE financial records and this "increase your proposing" would be strictly profits to the shareholder of your company . This will not help already struggling family to get by and this does NOT help society at all . No and no and no again .

Thank you for your time  
Concerned citizen

**From:** [Brady Cox](#)  
**To:** [PUC.PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed PGE Rate Increase (1)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 9:16:32 PM

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Hello,

My name is Brady Cox and I am emailing today to say that I flatly do not accept the proposal for another rate increase. Our community is stretched incredibly thin financially and this will only cause further decline for the metro area. If a rate increase is truly an economic necessity and not simply in pursuit of profit, it should come from industrial users who use far more energy in a day than the average citizen can. We are decaying and making this city even more expensive will only worsen our problems.

- Brady

**From:** [Tina LaFramboise](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed PGE Rate Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 6:48:14 AM

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As a senior living solely on Social Security, I can't afford to live in Oregon anymore. My monthly trailer park rent, water/sewer, homeowners' insurance, auto insurance all increased, some by incredible amounts. A 15% higher electric bill in the middle of winter will make my final months here a lot colder and financially painful. For the first time in my life, I'll have to skip meals to lower the grocery budget in order to pay the bills.

PGE, and probably 90% of the utility companies in this country, have failed to take care of their own business for years. Now they want to play catch up on the backs of people who can least afford it. I'm sure you've heard the expression "Failure to probably plan on your part does not constitute a crisis on my part." PGE wants to force me to pay for its past greed. Had it spent ratepayers' money wisely and invested in infrastructure over the years, the increase would be more along the lines of 5%. No one likes increases but 5% is a LOT less painful than 15%. I already contribute \$2.50 a month on top of my bill to help with renewable energy costs. How much more does PGE expect to bleed people like me? How about some of the rich people take a little less profit?

I appreciate that things change over time but I am not using "hindsight is always 20/20" in this situation. PGE dropped the ball and it should bear the responsibility, or at least the bulk of it. I'll miss Oregon but between Cal Am Properties, Foremost Insurance Company and now PGE, I'm waving the white flag and leaving.

Very truly yours,  
Tina LaFramboise  
3508 Turner Rd SE  
Salem OR 97302



**From:** [Jamie Goodridge](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Rate Increase  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 11:32:27 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Portland General Electric's proposed 14% rate increase, which I believe will have a significant negative impact on many households and businesses in our community. I am particularly concerned given the recent 7% increase in rates, which many customers are still struggling to manage.

As a customer of Portland General Electric, I understand the need for the company to maintain its infrastructure and provide reliable service. However, I believe that a 14% rate increase is excessive and unjustified, particularly given the economic challenges that many people in our area are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I urge Portland General Electric to reconsider this proposal and find more equitable ways to fund its operations. While I understand that the company may need to adjust its rates, I believe that any increase should be proportional to the services provided and should not cause undue financial hardship for customers.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to hearing from you about any actions you plan to take in response to my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jamie Goodridge  
503-860-3183

**From:** [Mike Devlin](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed small business rate increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 2:15:58 PM

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Dear PUC committee-

As a Real Estate Broker assisting property owners and tenants in Portland area sales/leasing transactions, I oppose the proposed small business PUC rent increase. Such increases would add substantial costs to small business operations along with increasing ownership's costs in providing common area services. Power cost increases would be passed along to business occupants in the form of additional rent, piling on additional expenses to operating costs in office and retail assets.

Respectfully,

Mike Devlin

Devlin Properties

**From:** [Benedikt Springer](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Docket UE 416 PGE General Rate Case  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 9:21:37 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[PGE Ratecase Testimony.pdf](#)

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Please find attached public comments from the Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO) for Docket UE 416 - PGE General Rate Case.

Thanks you,  
Benedikt



2475 Center St. NE, Salem OR 97301



May 2, 2023

Oregon Public Utility Commission

**RE: UE 416 Request for a General Rate Revision and 2024 Annual Power Cost Update**

Dear Chair Decker, Commissioners Tawney and Thompson,

I am writing on behalf of the Community Action Partnership (CAPO), which represents a network of 17 Oregon community action agencies and a special purpose organization, the Oregon Human Development Corporation. Our organizations plan, implement, and deliver anti-poverty programs across all of Oregon's 36 counties, including homeless shelters, food banks, and Head Start. Our network is also responsible for implementing state- and federally-funded weatherization programs (e.g. ECHO, WAP) as well as energy assistance programs (e.g. LIHEAP, OEAP). Our advocacy is based on this experience. We serve tens of thousands of low-income households every year. Please consider our suggestions not only as ways to improve the situation of those households, but also as what we believe is in the best interest of society at large.

We urge you to deny PGE's request for a General Rate Revision if no significant revisions to the request are made. As you know, one of the regulatory principles applied to utility general rate cases is to protect the public interest, ensuring rates are fair, just, and reasonable.<sup>1</sup> We believe that the proposed rates do not meet this standard and will unfairly burden low-income customers. Fair, just, and reasonable are not apolitical terms that can be calculated by technical procedures alone, although rate cases may suggest so at times.<sup>2</sup> Before accepting any settlement by intervening parties, we urge the Commissioners to consider what is in Oregon's public interest, as articulated by the State Legislature, and make tariff modifications to that effect.<sup>3</sup> For instance, the legislative intent of HB 2475, passed in 2021, is clearly to make energy burden and affordability of service to low-income customers a more important consideration in ratemaking. Therefore, we urge you to revise the following elements before accepting new rates. Because of time- and resource limitations, this is not a complete list of issues relevant to low-income customers.

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<sup>1</sup> ORS 752.210; 757.230; etc.

<sup>2</sup> Gabriel Chan and Alexandra B. Klass, "Regulating for Energy Justice," 2022, NYU Law Review, 97 (5)

<sup>3</sup> Intervention being an expensive and technical process that is not accessible to many individuals and groups with relevant views on what is fair, just, and reasonable.



## Residential Rate Increases and Low-Income Rates

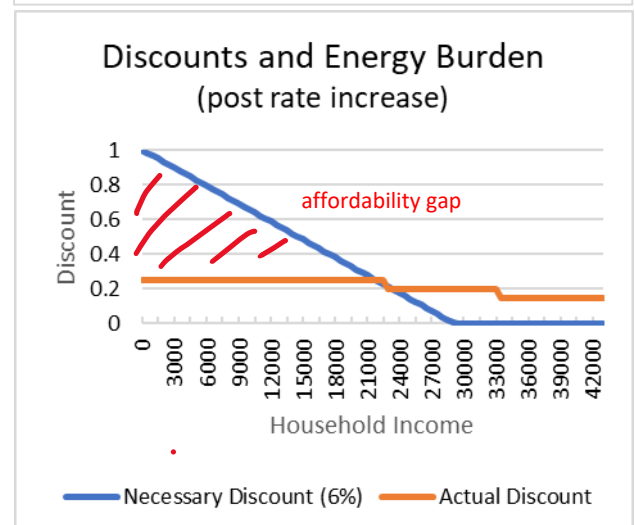
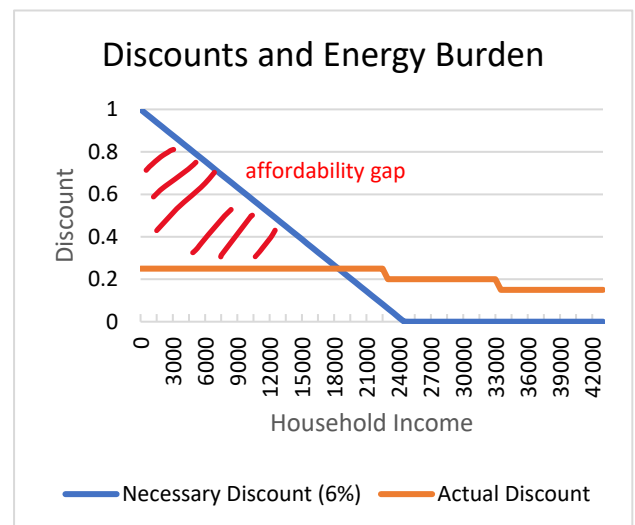
Whether the interests of low-income customers need to be taken into account during ratemaking is not in question. HB 2475 clearly gives the OPUC the authority to consider low-income customers as a class; the existence of PGE’s bill discount program, financed by all ratepayers, sets clear precedence that considerations of energy burden are in the public interest, and that this is congruent with principles of fairness, justness, and reasonableness. Unfortunately, PGE’s current bill discount program is insufficient to substantially relieve energy burden at the lowest ends of the income distribution. This is exacerbated by the proposed rate increase.

The chart on the right shows the kind of information OPUC should consider when responding to the PGE rate request. The chart illustrates PGE’s current bill discount program and the discount percentage a fictional 2.6 person average household would require to remain under 6% of income, generally considered as energy burden threshold (bill of \$1,471 annually). We can see that at about 25% of SMI (\$18,000) the discount program becomes ineffective at its goal of relieving energy burden.

The next chart shows the same calculation with PGE’s proposed rate increase. Now average energy bills become unaffordable for the average 2.6-person household at around 30% of SMI.

This is a very crude analysis that underestimates the amount of assistance needed. Required discounts will be larger for smaller households, because their income is lower, but their energy usage/bills are not proportionally smaller. Furthermore, this is not based on actual usage data of these customers. According to PGE testimony, many low-income customers have above average usage, for instance due to insufficient insulation. Better program design would take these factors into account. A low-income needs assessment to determine appropriate program design should be part of the rate case.

We can see that current bill discount programs do not fulfill their promised goals and the proposed rate





increase worsens this problem. Furthermore, to be considered fair, enrollment rates must be close to 100% of the eligible population. Currently, only 50% are enrolled. This means, there are many people of very limited means that are subsidizing the bill discount program despite struggling to make payments themselves. This must be considered in the rate case as well. We propose two options:

- Analysis in the rate case should include a low-income needs assessment to define current parameters better. Adjust bill discount rates to keep all low-income customers under the 6% of income energy burden threshold. Consider creative mechanisms to increase enrollment (e.g., automatic enrollment by census tract). Ensure customers stay enrolled despite income verification and 2-year re-enrollment requirements. Create binding enrollment targets for PGE. Provide better coordination with other existing assistance programs. Ensure assistance has been individually offered before disconnection is used as a collection tool.
- Require PGE to treat low-income customers as separate customer class. Conduct a low-income needs assessment for the rate case, in the same way other cost scenarios are modeled. Ensure that this class has affordable energy bills.

Low-income rates or discounts need to be considered in the context of other special rates that PGE is proposing to customers. Most are aimed at customers with resources and flexibility. For instance, Schedule 5 (Residential Direct Load Control Pilot) will be only available to customers with appliances controlled by smart thermostats. Similarly, consumers most likely to be able to take advantage of Time-of-Day rates or Peak Time Rebates (Schedule 7) will be those with job flexibility and access to battery storage. EV incentives are only available to those that can afford to purchase a brand-new electric car. This is not to say that any of these new schedules are bad ideas, they might even be great ideas. However, fairness would mandate that low-income interest must receive a similarly strong consideration. It is disheartening to find little mention of low-income impacts in discussions about cost causation, true-ups, return on equity, and new schedules in the current rate case. Statements in testimony claiming that existing discount programs somehow mitigate the impacts of rate increases are illogical.<sup>4</sup> Arithmetically, the percentage rate increase remains the same independently of enrollment in a discount program.

In sum, we consider keeping energy affordable as one of the primary public interest considerations OPUC must make in this rate case, in addition to keeping PGE in business and reducing GHG emissions. Electricity is essential to survive and thrive; everyone, independent of income, must be able to access it. Proposed rates unfairly shift the cost of providing service onto low-income customers. We have listed some potential remedies. They would not only have societal benefits but also direct business benefits in the form of less uncollectible debt and a larger customer base to spread fixed costs over.

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<sup>4</sup> For instance: Macfarlane – Pleasant/14 in Testimony & Exhibits, April 15, 2023, <https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HTB/ue416htb84837.pdf>.





### **Return on Equity**

We believe it is a bad look for PGE to propose an increased return on equity at the same time as asking for substantially higher electricity rates. PGE shareholders and executives should be required to lower their current enumeration. This would show solidarity among all company stakeholders and make rate increases more palatable for ratepayers.<sup>5</sup> Trust and community support in turn are a good basis for being able to raise capital cheaply.

While as non-experts we cannot comment on the exact risk calculations that went into the proposed return on equity, we can contribute to common sense considerations of underlying concepts. How risky is it really to invest in PGE? PGE is a government-regulated monopoly; customers are completely dependent on the delivery of electricity and must, in the end, pay any rate required to continue delivery of electricity. As such, there is very little risk for shareholders. Furthermore, in case of bankruptcy, a government bailout or brokered deal is basically guaranteed. In many such cases, there are few losses for investors. Investing in PGE is a little like holding funds in a bank account above FDIC-insured limits. Is it theoretically possible to lose that money? Yes. But as recent experiences show, government agencies are extremely unlikely to let that happen.

Lastly, to the outsider, determining rates of return by comparison to similar utilities is problematically self-referential. If all peer utilities were to use this method, the result would be ever increasing returns on equity, since any one increase, will increase the average, justifying more increases among the others.

### **Rate Cases as Participatory Processes**

As an organization, we are committed to principles of environmental justice. To us that means: (1) considering explicitly the distribution of costs and benefits of producing and consuming energy. Making distribution decisions in line with the public interest and with special consideration for those least able to bear the costs. (2) Robust participation in decision-making by those most affected. (3) Recognizing unequal historical impacts of power generation on marginalized populations and providing remedies.

Values of environmental justice have made recent appearances in federal and state legislation, as well as in statements by this commission.<sup>6</sup> Unfortunately, they are not reflected in how this and other rate cases are currently adjudicated. We ask that rate cases are restructured to allow for more substantive dialogue with the public on the political and legal issues raised by the rate case. At the heart of that must lie the recognition that setting rates is not an apolitical, technical process that can be conducted

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<sup>5</sup> Imagine the different PR dynamic created by a CEO saying: "I know this rate increase will be painful for some, but unfortunately this is the only way to continue providing reliable electricity given the business fundamentals. To show our good faith effort to keep costs low and fair, all our executives, including me, are taking a 15% pay cut."

<sup>6</sup> For instance, SB 420 (2007) specifically directs OPUC (and other state agencies) to incorporate environmental justice considerations into its proceedings.



like a court proceeding, but an exercise in arbitrating between different values and political priorities. To make this possible, we would like to see:

- Utility filings that are understandable to educated lay persons.
- Summaries by the OPUC, directed at the public, that explain the competing values and assumptions underlying current rate cases.
- Hearings where members of the public can directly interact with utility companies and intervenors.
- An end to resolving rate case issues in private settlement conversations.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Utility Policy Analyst  
Community Action Partnership of Oregon



**From:** [Huell White](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for PUC Hearing  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 6:00:59 PM

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Dear Oregon PUC,

I'm writing you to express the fact that PGE's proposed 14% rate increase for residential customers will result in a disproportionate financial impact on low-income residents (especially renters), amidst a rapidly increasing cost of living, record inflation, and a grim economic outlook. Our urban and rural communities are suffering under the weight of costs that seem to be constantly on the rise, day after day.

PGE made \$233 million in net profit last year. PGE provides a critical service for our society, that is without question. However, why should residents be forced to pay for a critical service which PGE has an effective monopoly over? I can certainly understand a modest rate increase to account for increased capital construction costs, but a double-digit rate increase is excessive in our current context.

Respectfully,

Huell Whitehaus  
Portland Resident

Huell Whitehaus

**From:** [Sean B.](#)  
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**Cc:** [Sean B.](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Proposed Rate Increase by PGE  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 4:46:49 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to provide my input during the public comment period of the ongoing rate case involving Portland General Electric, which is requesting a 16% increase in average customer rates. As a loyal customer of PGE for the past 30 years, I have always been satisfied with the service provided by the company.

I understand that no one appreciates a rate increase, but I acknowledge that costs are going up for everyone, including PGE. In order to maintain and improve the provision of reliable energy services, a rate increase is likely warranted. As the commission and other parties review this rate request, I urge you to focus on three key aspects: reliability, affordability, and safety.

It is important to consider the impact of new laws, rules, or regulations implemented by a particular jurisdiction (city, county, etc.) that alter the energy choices for their residents. If such changes result in new expenditures by the utility for resiliency or other related costs, I believe that the incremental costs should be borne by the residents of that specific jurisdiction.

Additionally, I would like to address the matter of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. The incremental costs associated with these stations should be primarily covered by those who use the EV charging system. While the Inflation Reduction Act was initially designed to incentivize EV adoption by low and moderate-income individuals, recent rules have eliminated income restrictions for leased vehicles. Consequently, leasing EVs by high-income individuals now qualifies for federal credits, and leasing accounts for a significant portion of the growth in EV adoption this year. Socializing the costs of EV charging stations, which are predominantly used by high-income individuals, is inconsistent with the commission's affordability mandate.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that the commission and other parties involved in the rate case process consider the points mentioned above. Ensuring reliability, affordability, and safety while appropriately distributing the costs associated with new regulations and EV charging stations is crucial for a fair and balanced outcome.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sean Borgerson

PGE Customer

Clackamas County, Oregon

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**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT: Against Proposed PGE Rate Increase  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 4:18:23 PM

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I am a homeowner in Keizer, Oregon, and thus, a PGE customer. PUC should not allow another substantial rate increase by PGE so soon after the last one. The company's stated reasons for the proposed increase lack credibility and relevance. More important, any such increase will be the final straw (in a towering heap of 'em) causing more Oregonians (including me) to move out of state where energy costs are more affordable. Thank you!

**From:** [Tom Hering](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Commentary on proposed PGE Rate hike...  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 4:34:16 PM

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Commissioners Decker, Tawney and Thompson:

I represent a community of 77 small businesses, 69 of which are in Oregon. They range in size from solopreneurs to 30-plus employee companies.

These are the kind of small businesses every Oregon city wants in their community as they practice a triple bottom line of People, Planet and Profit as Oregon Benefit Companies. The leaders of these small businesses are ethical, transparent and committed to doing good with their stakeholders including employees, customers and community members.

I communicate with them all on a regular basis. Many were just starting to recover a bit from the pandemic and the hardships it created on their business's income and viability. But now rising inflation is another challenge they face. Higher costs for employee benefits, materials and energy are the most common problems they face. They do not want to carry any debt that might be created by PGE's rate hike if they can help it.

With that in mind, I urge the the Commission staff to review carefully why the total bill rate is higher and also whether the increased distribution rate is reasonable and based on cost.

Respectfully,

Tom Hering

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**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (9)  
**Date:** Monday, May 1, 2023 7:31:19 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). Apparently the PGE strategy is to throw multiple rate increases at the commission hoping that they will all stick. A poor strategy for a business that is a monopoly. If we could see PGE was investing in the distribution lines or modernizing equipment or efficiencies this rate increase might make sense but this is not the case. I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact customers.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Those living on fixed incomes are forced to make decisions about medicine, food and other necessities.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to kill this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (10)  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 2:07:27 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am a PGE customer living in SE Portland and have learned about PGE rate case (UE 416). A 16% rate increase for residential customers will negatively impact my household, and many others in my community.

This increase to electric bills will force many households and families to choose between other necessary household expenses. Access to affordable electricity, rent, medication, and food are human rights.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (11)  
**Date:** Saturday, May 6, 2023 11:51:03 AM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to comment on the proposed PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a rate hike for residential customers will impact my household.

My partner and I are self-employed small business owners who work from home. We share a house with my brother and nephew. My brother is a veteran on disability and a fixed income.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians. Not to mention, utility rates were JUST increased.

I urge the Commission to consider disallowing the passage of this rate increase or if it's absolutely necessary, to reduce costs to consumers wherever possible.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our city.

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**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (12)  
**Date:** Saturday, May 6, 2023 9:57:47 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, a 16% rate increase for residential customers will negatively impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food just because you want to increase profits for your shareholders.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real and devastating impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (13)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 1:12:59 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact not only my household, but also the households of PGE customers struggling to make ends meet.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (14)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 1:29:07 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household. I am a disabled senior whose only income is a meagre Social Security benefit payment each month. With the Pandemic declared over many relief extensions of aid such as nutrition and utilities has been scaled back making it even harder, particularly with current high prices for many basics these days, to make it from month to month.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (15)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 2:01:45 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (16)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 2:06:29 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household. This is a HUGE increase and a big burden for most folks to bear!

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (17)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 3:44:41 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

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This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (18)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 4:31:22 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

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This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (19)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 8:04:35 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (20)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 8:10:14 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

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I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (21)  
**Date:** Friday, May 19, 2023 1:00:22 AM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (22)  
**Date:** Friday, May 19, 2023 1:00:14 AM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Madhavi Priestap  
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**From:** [nilza.montano@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:nilza.montano@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Nilza Montano](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (23)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 10:45:04 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (24)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 5:11:10 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

As a low-income participant of PGE's discounted electric program, this will make it hard to pay my bill in full since Greenbriar Village Apartments charges the tenants a fixed rate for the electric that the entire apartment complex uses each month.

In addition, this would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [kylewd2@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kylewd2@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kyle Morrison](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (25)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 4:55:41 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (26)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 4:29:29 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Karina Torres Morrison  
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**From:** [michaelbrookspdx@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:michaelbrookspdx@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Michael Brooks](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (27)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 12:03:47 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [mnmaragos@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mnmaragos@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Monica Maragos](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (28)  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 8:02:31 AM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Monica Maragos  
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**From:** [jvogt611@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jvogt611@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jeff Vogt](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (29)  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 9:11:53 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [norbertrogers@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:norbertrogers@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Norbert Rogers II](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (30)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 11:47:25 AM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

As the wife and I are retired, this is a big impact on our budget. Along with other bills, this is exactly what we do not need, nor any one else! I bet this will impact anyone who is even thinking about buying an electric vehicle.  
Sincerely, Norbert Rogers II

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [melodyanng@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:melodyanng@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Melody Ghormley](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (31)  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 6:02:40 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer for over 40 years, my husband and I are worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact our future.

I am retired and my husband is facing retirement, so we will soon be a fixed income family. My husband's employer does not have a medical insurance plan, so we have to pay over \$800 a month just for his insurance! We are not well off, and we are trying hard to save for our future, but it gets more difficult every month. God forbid either of us should get sick and need expensive medication and/or in-home or nursing home care.

Housing costs, home maintenance, food, and taxes increase more and more every year; our gas and electric bills are much higher than they were even last year. Increasing electric bills forces us and many other families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, housing, insurance, medication, and food.

I understand this would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis/Enron debacle (yes, we remember well PGE's shameful involvement in that). After the stress of the pandemic, during which my husband lost his former job, and at a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real, painful impacts on us and many other Oregonians.

Tell PGE to consider its rate-payers for once instead of just its shareholders and highly paid corporate officers. I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (32)  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 10:56:25 AM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kelsey Azoubel Mitchell  
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**From:** [katelynm@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:katelynm@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Katie MacDonald](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416 (33)  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 2:55:24 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians. This will impact many of our already vulnerable families, and could lead to higher rates of homelessness.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [tlew4002@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:tlew4002@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Carolyn Eckel](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416  
**Date:** Friday, April 28, 2023 6:02:07 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Eckel  
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**From:** [boiester@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:boiester@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Deb Carey](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416  
**Date:** Friday, April 28, 2023 4:02:05 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household. I live on a fixed income. I cannot afford a \$22.71 increase on my bill. Should I get rid of my electricity, and get it at the library?

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians. This increase is unconscionable.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Deb Carey  
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**From:** [hhdave@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:hhdave@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [David Osborne](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416  
**Date:** Friday, April 28, 2023 3:02:54 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household. I am retired and on a fixed income, and I live alone. My gas, and water bills have all gone up recently also. I pay more taxes now than ever. I just hope I can survive, and have enough to live on. You should have exemptions for people on fixed incomes under \$50,000 a year

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [myersfive@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:myersfive@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Donna Myers](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 26, 2023 1:11:46 AM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [thomasholley@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:thomasholley@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Thomas Holley](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 4:12:12 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Holley  
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**From:** [tcurtin5038@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:tcurtin5038@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Tom Curtin](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 2:03:54 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

Hello,

I am on a fixed income. I recently spoke to a PGE customer service person with the complaint that my current bill seems to have outpaced inflation and how it's becoming difficult to stay current on my bill. The proposed rate cut will make it that much more difficult to stay current for me. I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Tom Curtin  
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**From:** [jimwelsh69@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jimwelsh69@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [James Welsh](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 12:07:48 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce, and or deny this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
James Welsh  
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**From:** [cassandra.j.allen@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:cassandra.j.allen@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Cassie Allen](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 11:47:34 AM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses.

As a renter whose bills are going up year after year, a 16% increase would have a significant impact on my ability to afford housing. Portland is already an expensive place to live but increasing my utility bill puts an unexpected cost burden on me and my fellow renters. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

Since the Western Power Crisis, this would be the largest rate hike in 20 years. At a time of continued historical inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Cassie Allen  
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**From:** [wobobr123@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:wobobr123@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Bill O'Brien](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on UE 416  
**Date:** Friday, April 28, 2023 7:53:03 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to comment on the PGE rate case (UE 416). As a PGE customer, I'm worried about how a 16% rate increase for residential customers will impact my household.

Single-family homes are facing a \$22.71 per month increase. Multifamily homes are looking at a \$15.81 monthly increase. Adding this much money to electric bills will force many families to choose between other household expenses. No one should have to choose between electricity, rent, medication, and food.

This would be the largest rate hike in 20 years, since the Western Power Crisis. At a time of continued historic inflation, raising bills this much will have real impacts on Oregonians.

I urge the Commission to reduce this increase wherever possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Bill O'Brien  
12520 SW Gem Ln Apt 202 Beaverton, OR 97005-1360  
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**From:** [Sandra Howell](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Raising Electricity  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 6:26:49 AM

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Some of us can't even pay our bill as it is...What's gonna happen when it goes up higher.. A lot will be getting their service cut off.. If that's the case then someone ought to get us fixed up for a stimulas....

**From:** [Ponce Christie](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Raising rates  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 1:36:56 AM

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Absolutely not, lower executive pay first before you come begging for more money from the people.

Ponce Christie  
Co-owner // Rider  
[www.pdxccc.com](http://www.pdxccc.com)



**From:** [Bart King](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Rate changes  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 9:29:57 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

Regarding proposed rate changes:

Please, no.

Don't make me beg.

Sincerely,

Bart King  
304 Mill Street  
Silverton, OR 97381

**From:** [Jessica Allgver](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Rate increase (1)  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 7:48:13 AM

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How much is PGE using of their profits for maintenance and repairs. While these companies keep seeing their profits increase, we are paying high and higher prices. Just this month my car ins rates went up by \$50 a month, my rent is going up by \$150, gas prices are on the rise again, even the trash company has raised rates each of the last ter years in a row. None of these increases are a result of anything my family has done. Our income from my husband's job with the school district sure isn't going up to cover the costs. What is being done to protect citizens from being taken advantage of?

**From:** [teri.gent](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Rate increase (2)  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 8:21:24 AM

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With respect to the proposed 14% rate increase, it is too much. PGE just raised their rates 7% this last year, though I believe they asked for it to be higher. I understood that they needed to raise rates, things cost more for them as well. But to be asking for another increase a year later? People wonder why homelessness is so high. Maybe it is because every cost is passed onto the consumer and the businesses don't seem to want to cut costs. We have cut costs at our house just about everywhere we can, I'm not sure what else we can give up. We are stuck not having an option of an electricity company and are at their whims. This time they need to take a turn and cut costs.

Sincerely,

Teri

**From:** [Randolph Burwell](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** rate increase (3)  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 6:57:00 PM

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The proposed 14% rate increase is too much and should be reduced. Cut the bonuses of executives and reduce the dividend to stock holders. Rates should not exceed the rate of general inflation. It's outrageous!

Robert R. Burwell, Jr.  
Salem. Oregon

**From:** [scott howard](#)  
**To:** [PUC CONSUMER PUC \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** rate increase (4)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 12:23:40 PM

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You want us to sign up for the renewable option which is already more expensive which I did. Now you want to raise rates even more if that happens I will unsubscribe myself Of the renewable option and help the earth burn quicker with the other option. You cannot have it both way's leave the rates alone or let the earth burn.

Scott Howard

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Kim Dikes](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Rate increase (5)  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 1:42:12 PM

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Good day,

To whom it may concern. The citizens of Portland cannot afford any more.  
Not a rate increase. Or tax. The average rent or north has become so expensive most are struggling to not become homeless. Let alone have money for food. Car & insurance, and utilities.  
We just cannot take on any more.  
Please show some mercy. Portland has had enough.

A voter and citizen of Portland.

**From:** [Levi Chouinard](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Rate Increase 2024  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 10:49:44 PM

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Raising rates for a second year in a row is cruel and unnecessary. Everything in Portland is getting outrageously expensive. What you're doing is not sustainable or fair for the average person.

**From:** [Chris Bailey](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Rate increase input  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 7:04:48 AM

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Hello,

When I read the story that PGE wants to raise rates again, on the back of a massive increase last year, I couldn't believe it. I am still trying to find ways to cut my spending to cover the current increase, so to think about another one is just crippling. Enough is enough. PGE needs to live within its means and stop just counting on the public every time it feels it needs more money. They need to do the very same thing the public is forced to do when things get tight. Tighten the belt, cut unnecessary spending, trips and other luxuries. Get rid of the idea that there is this always more money on the outside. Find it on the inside just as every person in the public world is forced to do.

Please do not approve this new rate hike.

Best regards,

Chris Bailey

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)



**From:** [Susie Worthington](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Rate increase.  
**Date:** Sunday, May 7, 2023 8:58:02 PM

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We just read on the internet about a 14+% proposed rate increase from PGE. There was a meeting on May 3rd that was open to public opinion but we were not advised of the meeting. It should have been announced on our bills if you really wanted us to be aware of it. PGE was awarded a substantial rate increase this year. Since PGE is a supplier of a necessary service to consumers they should not gain huge profits and be basically a monopoly. They don't even itemize the bills anymore which by the way contained mandatory charges for various reasons. As examples, solar energy, public assistance. Low income, etc. We shouldn't be forced to pay for services that either PGE or City of Portland decide to do themselves. We pay for their maintenance and repairs. Why do we have to pay taxes to the city and county? Can someone please answer these questions and why the public is not given a real opportunity to provide their opinions of any increases, added charges?

Thank you for your time.

**From:** [G Beard](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Rate increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 12:23:29 AM

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DO NOT PASS this rate increase. PGE and the PUC had a 7% increase in January of 2023 and now PGE wants more. NO. Their 1st quarter 2023 Financials were very strong and this increase affects general users more heavily than industrial users. Stop making PGE billionaires and look after the average joe. NO MORE INCREASES.

**From:** [Nancy Armintrout](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Rate increases  
**Date:** Monday, May 1, 2023 7:48:47 PM

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I cannot afford this rate increase since I am a senior citizen living solely on Social Security.

What am I supposed to do??

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Tyson Gruis](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Re: OREGON PUC: - RE: RATE PROTEST - PLEASE RESPOND  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 4:45:29 PM

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Portland General Electric.

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 8, 2023, at 4:36 PM, PUC PUC.PublicComments \* PUC  
<PUC.PUBLICCOMMENTS@puc.oregon.gov> wrote:

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> Hi Tyson,

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> Thank you for taking the time to contact the Oregon Public Utility Commission with your rate protest comments. To ensure your comments are forwarded to the appropriate staff, may I please have the name of the utility company?

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> Deanna Rios

> Senior Compliance Specialist (Lead)

> Hours: Tuesday-Friday 7:00-5:30

> Oregon Public Utility Commission

> Consumer Services Section

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Tyson Gruis <[ttgruis@gmail.com](mailto:ttgruis@gmail.com)>

> Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 3:44 PM

> To: PUC PUC.PublicComments \* PUC <[PUC.PublicComments@puc.oregon.gov](mailto:PUC.PublicComments@puc.oregon.gov)>

> Subject:

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> You people just raised rates within the last two years how can you justify a net 25% rate increase? Learn how to live within your means like the rest of us.

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> Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kasara Lintner](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Re: OREGON PUC: Too much of an increase -PLEASE RESPOND  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 8:54:48 PM

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Pge

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 8, 2023, at 4:14 PM, PUC PUC.PublicComments \* PUC  
<PUC.PUBLICCOMMENTS@puc.oregon.gov> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> Thank you for taking the time to contact the Oregon Public Utility Commission with your rate protest. To ensure your comments are forwarded to the appropriate staff, may I please have the name of the utility company?

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> Thank you,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Kasara Lintner <[kasara.beau@gmail.com](mailto:kasara.beau@gmail.com)>

> Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 10:46 AM

> To: PUC PUC.PublicComments \* PUC <[PUC.PublicComments@puc.oregon.gov](mailto:PUC.PublicComments@puc.oregon.gov)>

> Subject: Too much of an increase

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> This is going to make life unbearably uncomfortable as I will no be able to afford utilities. Please consider not raising rates as there are so many low income ppl struggling like myself

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**From:** [Round Hill Pacific - Portland Office](#)  
**To:** [PUC.PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** re: PGE electric bills  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 2:37:13 PM

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5/12/23

Hello PGE billing/interested parties,

I'm a concerned account holder of PGE.

I've been using your service over 3 years now, and the recent hike in billing is not affordable.

I help care for my elderly mother, and keeping the heat very low, my electric bills in December, January and February were over \$200.

There is no reason to charge this much for electricity.

You are pricing people out of their homes.

I also work in a property management office where studio renters are paying over \$200 a month in the winter.

This is pricing low income renters out of their home.

How can this be ethical?

You also have a monopoly as an electric provider in this area, and are proving why monopolies should be reinforced as illegal, due to price gouging.

I will also keep reaching out to the Governor's office on this matter.

Sincerely,

**April D Baum and Catherine Baum at 1905 NW 29th Ave, Apt 205, 97210**

**From:** [Mike Misosoup](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** REJECT PGE RATE INCREASES  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 8:17:53 AM

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These clowns just raised our rates a couple of months ago, don't let them do it again. If they need more money, they can cut into profit.

Electricity shouldn't even be a for profit industry, Oregon should confiscate the infrastructure and run it as a publicly owned service.

**From:** [James Decker](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Rising rates  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 2:14:39 PM

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Bad idea. It only hurts all Oregonians for the greed of PGE and trying to make more money off us. 2 years in a row of increases is unacceptable. When do we start to matter and not looked at as piggy banks. Please DO NOT raise it especially since it hurts the most vulnerable in our society. This number is growing as the middle class shrinks. We already pay so much in taxes and it will make Oregon impossible to stay living in. Why do this to us all?

Respectfully,

James Decker

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
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**From:** [dannykermode@aol.com](mailto:dannykermode@aol.com)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Cc:** ["Diane Henkels"; "Guillermo Castillo"](#)  
**Subject:** SBUA comments in Portland General Electric - UE 416 General Rate Increase  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 11:57:48 AM  
**Attachments:** [Public Comments PGE UE 416 Danny Kermode CPA-Retired.pdf](#)

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Please find attached comments from Danny Kermode CPA for SBUA in docket UE 416 - Portland General Electric / General Rate Increase.

**From:** [Nicole Shadrin](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Say NO to PGE rate increase  
**Date:** Monday, May 1, 2023 6:11:36 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing to share my thoughts on PGEs request to raise rates significantly. My household runs on electric from PGE and we don't have natural gas as an option here. My bills are extremely high as it is. My little family of 5 is in an older home and I've done things to try to limit the amount of power we use.

Last month we had a leak at our well and our monthly bill was \$1,100!! When I called to ask if there was anything they could do to help me out they didn't do a thing about it. Told me it's not their fault. I guess that's true but I'm stuck at their mercy because there isn't any other providers of electricity here.

I understand inflation is hitting everyone right now. Times are very hard, after housing payments, groceries and childcare going up we can't afford such a high increase on electricity too.

I read part of the increase would go towards capital investments, there has to be some restructuring they can do or thinking outside the box if that's what they need. Asking this of us customers is too much.

Please say no to this.

Sincerely

Nicole Shadrin

DANNY KERMODE  
Certified Public Accountant – Retired  
5326 75<sup>th</sup> Ct SW  
Olympia, WA 98512

Oregon Public Utility Commission  
PO Box 1088  
Salem, OR 97308-1088

RE: Portland General Electric  
UE 416 General Rate Increase

Commissioners,

I would first like to thank the Commission for the opportunity to comment on a proposed rate increase that, if approved, will have a major impact on small businesses served by Portland General Electric (PGE).

I am writing on behalf of the Oregon chapter of the Small Business Utility Advocates or SBUA. I reviewed the recent filing made by Portland General Electric (PGE) where it asks for increased revenues of \$338 million, or a 14.47% increase over current levels.

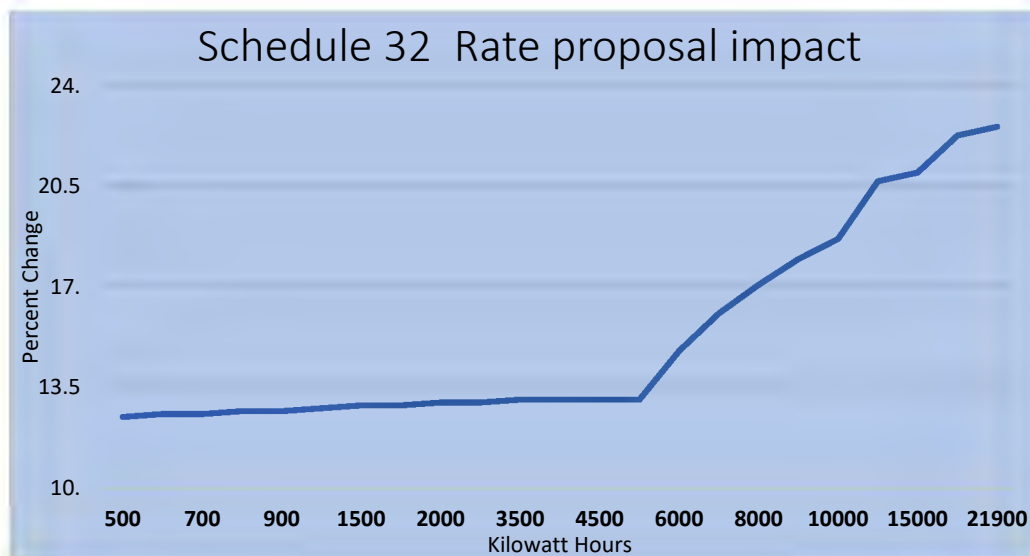
I will address the following:

- The size of the increased cost burden of the rate proposal on small nonresidential customers.
- The extraordinary increase in the cost of distribution charges to small nonresidential customers under both schedule 32 customers and schedule 532, small nonresidential and small nonresidential – Direct Access Service respectively, in excess of 5,000 kWh.
- Small business in Oregon, including those served by PGE, are still recovering from the economic impact of COVID-19.
- Need for a small business workshop to discuss and understand the needs of small businesses being serviced by Oregon’s public utilities.

- **The size of the increased cost burden of the rate proposal on small nonresidential customers.**

Under the Company's proposal, small businesses will pay \$34.6 million more for service, a 15.9% increase for service.<sup>1</sup> This sizable increase on to small business is the highest increase over test-year amounts than any other class of service.

For the small nonresidential ratepayers (rate schedule 32) the proposal increases the average small business energy bill by 12.6%.<sup>2</sup> What is even more concerning is the proposed increase for small business customers using above 5,000 kWh. For these customers the change in proposed rate climbs to an average of 18.1% for usage from 6,000 to 15,000 kWh and continues to climb as usage increases (see chart below).



- **The extraordinary increase in the cost of distribution charges to small nonresidential customers under both schedule 32 customers and schedule 532**

The climbing costs of energy above 5,000 kWh is due to a proposed 140.5% increase in the company's distribution charge above 5,000 kWh for small commercial consumers.

The current charge of 1.416 cents per kWh skyrockets to 3.406 cents per kWh, under the company's proposal, more than doubling! Effectively a two-cent increase.<sup>3</sup> Though

<sup>1</sup> Exhibit 1302 page 1

<sup>2</sup> Using 500 kWh to 5,000 kWh

<sup>3</sup> Schedule 532 small nonresidential – Direct Access Service has even a greater impact with the second-tier rate increasing 155%, going from 1.253 per kWh to 3.195.

some of this rate change appears to be associated with higher costs, the company admits that some of the 3.406 cent rate increase is simply to “provide a transition to” the large nonresidential rates schedule (Schedule 83) for customers whose loads exceed 30 kW<sup>4</sup> at least twice during the preceding 13 months.<sup>5</sup>

It is important that the Commission and Commission Staff be aware of this arbitrary adjustment to the small nonresidential rate schedule. Not only is there no testimony discussing why PGE believes there is a need for a rate that mitigates the impact of moving from one class to another, there is no testimony providing discussion on how often a migration to the large-user class happens and indeed if it is even a problem. In his historic discussion of the criteria of a sound rate structure, James Bonbright discusses the need of fairness in rates, there is no discussion of rates that mitigate any class migration.<sup>6</sup>

The increased rate as proposed which is designed to ease transition to a different customer class, simply results in small commercial customers providing either an intra-class or cross-class subsidy to other customers with no other benefits to the small commercial customers that would be burdened with the 140.5% increase in its distribution charges.

A 140.5% increase is unsupportable and must be rejected if not for any other reason than simply rate shock. For every kWh used above the 5,000-kWh level, many small business owners will have their distribution rates more than double, paying 3.4 cents per kWh for a service that currently costs 1.4 cents per kWh!

A Company witness says it best. “It is important to maintain relative consistency with prior cost studies and temper the amount of change introduced....”<sup>7</sup> We agree, and we ask the Commission to apply this very principle to this case. Finally, the “ease of migration” reasoning is a solution looking for a problem; a problem that, to our knowledge, has not been raised in prior cases.

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<sup>4</sup> kW – Kilowatt (load measure)

<sup>5</sup> See PGE 1300, Macfarlane – Pleasant at 19:14-18.

<sup>6</sup> James C Bonbright, *Principles of Public Utility Rates* (Virginia: Public Utilities Reports, Inc., 1988), 382-84.

<sup>7</sup> See UE 416, Macfarlane-Keene at 4:2-4.

- **Small business in Oregon, including those served by PGE, are still recovering from the economic impact of COVID-19.**

Although most, if not all, of the health related COVID mandates are no longer required, small business is now addressing COVID's consequences. Not the least and central to small business is rising costs due to high inflation. Add to that the difficulty many small businesses are having in finding employees. In short, this sector remains fragile.

Affordability of utility rates for small business is integral to their survivability. Rising rates can be associated with rising costs. For example, the recent settlement of parties, including SBUA, approved by the Commission spread a share of the deferred costs of COVID to the small business class.<sup>8</sup> As we have noted in previous dockets, this customer class did not directly benefit from most of the Commission approved COVID-19 programs and had little or no indirect benefit.

With this filing, the small nonresidential class may end up absorbing a 15.9% increase in its total electric bills; the largest change of any of the other rate classes.<sup>9</sup> We would ask the Commission to recognize the importance of small business to the communities where they are located and to adjust the proposed rates to help them fully recover from the lingering economic impacts of the recent pandemic.

- **Need for a Small Business workshop to discuss and understand the unique needs of small business to allow Oregon's public utilities to better serve them.**

Finally, my involvement with recent rate filings has convinced me of the need to convene a Commission supported small-business workshop. A workshop would provide a forum allowing in-depth discussions with Commission Staff by local small business owners. The workshop would allow parties to better understand what challenges the different parties have, including Staff, and what distinguishes small business from other ratepayer classes, especially from the larger industrial and

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<sup>8</sup> PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: See Docket No. ADV 1474/Advice No. 22-45 PGE COVID-19 Deferral Amortization; Effective date: April 1, 2023

<sup>9</sup> Some rate classes such as the large direct access ratepayers are actually seeing total bill reductions. (*See total bill changes for rate schedules 489 and 689*)

commercial ratepayers.<sup>10</sup> Commission Staff mentioned being in support of such a workshop at the Commission's March 21, 2023, public meeting<sup>11</sup>.

The workshop agenda could include discussion of those rates and rate structures currently provided only to residential ratepayers, which may be appropriate for small businesses. Or the creation of new rate mechanisms to aid small businesses, e.g., an arrearage forgiveness program for those small commercial customers with a high Environmental Justice Indicator.

Also, unique needs of the small commercial could be discussed by business owners which could be innovative and help develop community growth. Finally, there may be benefit in a discussion on how uniform the methods of cost allocation to small business sector and whether it is something that requires Commission review.

In summary, the small business community served by PGE is concerned about the size of the overall increase and more specifically, how those costs related to the small nonresidential customers are recovered in rates.

Again, I would like to thank the Commission for this opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danny Kermode', written over a light gray circular stamp.

Danny Kermode CPA - retired

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<sup>10</sup> Although small businesses have characteristics closer to the residential rate class, they still are businesses and require a special understanding.

<sup>11</sup> OPUC 3/21/23 Public Meeting link:

[https://oregonpuc.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view\\_id=2&clip\\_id=1128](https://oregonpuc.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=1128) (last accessed 5/3/23).

**From:** [Cheryl](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Stop with the Rate Hikes!!  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 2:30:41 PM

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I am on a fixed Income & can't keep up  
With your Rate Hikes!!!! Even getting help but it doesn't seem to be helping as much as I need! Disability increases  
are Not much & you should not be able to  
Raise your prices 2 times in a short period of time. I will have to disconnect & Live  
Off Grid because of your increases. My  
Funds don't grow on Trees like maybe  
Yours does!! Food,Gas,Taxes,Homeowners Insurance,Car Ins.,Medical & EVERYTHING ELSE, & NOW  
ELECTRIC. We the people are getting hit  
HARD & NO One SEEMS TO GIVE A  
D.....

I don't feel the USA is the USA Anymore  
FEELING Like A Foreign Country!!!

NO MORE RATE HIKES!!!!

A PGE Disgruntled Customer



**From:** [Christine Morris](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Subject: Opposition to Proposed 14% Electrical Rate Increase - UE 416  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 8:06:00 PM

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Dear Oregon Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 14% increase in electrical rates, as discussed in the upcoming public hearing on Wednesday, May 31 (UE 416). As a concerned resident of Oregon, I believe that this significant rate increase will have a detrimental impact on our community, particularly for those who are already struggling to make ends meet.

One major reason for my opposition to the proposed rate increase is the potential exacerbation of energy poverty. Many households in Oregon already face challenges in meeting their basic energy needs, and a 14% rate increase will disproportionately affect low-income families and senior citizens living on fixed incomes. These groups are already facing economic hardships due to rising costs in other essential areas such as housing, healthcare, and food. The additional burden of increased electricity costs will push many into energy poverty, causing them to choose between paying their utility bills and addressing other vital needs.

Additionally, the proposed rate increase may lead to adverse environmental consequences. Higher electricity costs can discourage consumers from adopting energy-efficient practices and technologies, as the initial investment may become less financially feasible. This would undermine our state's progress toward a greener and more sustainable future.

In light of these concerns, I urge the Oregon Public Utility Commission to reconsider the proposed 14% electrical rate increase and explore alternative solutions to address the financial needs of utility providers without disproportionately burdening our most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I trust that the Commission will act in the best interests of all Oregonians, prioritizing both their financial and environmental well-being.

Sincerely,

Christine Morris

Portland Resident

**From:** [Carol Routh](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** This increase is too much!  
**Date:** Saturday, May 6, 2023 9:02:31 AM

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Our income It's social Security. Only. We're 78 and pretty healthy. Even at that, making ends meet is approaching impossible. Visiting the grandkids is a luxury we used to think was a normal part of life. We live a modest life in a small house.

Please make sure that PGE doesn't gouge us just because it can. So many are struggling even more than we are already.

Thank you,  
Carol Routh  
Portland 97225

Grammatical errors and misspellings are Siri's fault.

**From:** [Hector Mejia Zamora](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** UE 416 Public Comment  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 9:42:14 PM

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Hi,

My name is Hector Mejia Zamora, owner of Cafe Zamora and member of the SBUA. As right now, my lease agreement includes triple net and my landlord covers the electrical bill charges. However, I have been a user of PGE for the last 4 years and in my previous location I was directly responsible for the payment of the electrical expenses.

I am concerned that the increase in the rate is too high and will impact so many already struggling businesses in Portland. As you might be aware, several businesses have closed either temporarily or permanently just this year along, not counting the many that closed since 2020. As a business owner myself, and with conversations I constantly have with other business owners, I can tell you that we are struggling and the ones that are still in business, are in no position for more expenses. We are working hard to survive this economical storm, and hope to be able to recover once better times come our way.

I do not support the increase in the energy rate.

Kind regards,

Hector Mejia Zamora.

**From:** [Mike Shea](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** UE 416 Public Comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 9:40:47 AM

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I am an owner of a small business. Our electric bills are included in our rent. I am concerned that the percentage proposed PGE rate increase is 15.9% higher for small nonresidential customers than for any other customer class. (See page 1300; UE 416 / PGE / 1302 Macfarlane-Pleasant / 1). Why? Why do large business and residential customers get a break? Why will my business have to pay more than them?

The Commission Staff should review carefully why the rate is higher and also whether the increased distribution rate is reasonable and based on cost.

Small nonresidential customers are also paying for the costs from COVID-19 even though the small businesses received no or very little direct financial benefit and some small businesses are still struggling from the COVID-19 period, so any kind of rate increase should be weighed recognizing that these small businesses are still struggling.

The Commission should suggest that the Staff convene a workshop focusing only on small nonresidential customers as those customers have requested many times. The purpose of the meeting would be to ensure just and reasonable rates for small nonresidential customers with an equitable burden of cost increases spread between all customers, not singling out small non residential customers to carry the majority of the increase.

I understand that small business advocates have not been able to access funding to participate in these proceedings even when the Commission has approved the funding e.g UG 435. Again, why?

**Michael Shea, AIA | Soderstrom Architects**

Principal

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**From:** [Bolt Portland Help Line](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** UE 416  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 9:15:36 PM

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As an Oregon resident, I am writing this letter to urge the Oregon Public Utility Commission to reconsider the proposed 14% increase in electrical rates, which will be discussed in the upcoming public hearing on Wednesday, May 31 (UE 416).

My opposition to the proposed rate increase stems from the fact that it will disproportionately affect low-income families and senior citizens living on fixed incomes. These groups are already facing economic hardships due to rising costs in other essential areas such as housing, healthcare, and food. Many households in Oregon are struggling to meet their basic energy needs, and an additional burden of increased electricity costs may result in energy poverty, where they have to make difficult choices between paying utility bills and meeting other vital needs.

Moreover, the proposed rate increase may lead to adverse environmental consequences. The higher electricity costs may discourage consumers from adopting energy-efficient practices and technologies, which would undermine our state's progress toward a greener and more sustainable future.

In light of these concerns, I strongly urge the Oregon Public Utility Commission to explore alternative solutions to address the financial needs of utility providers without imposing undue burdens on vulnerable members of the community. Reconsidering the proposed 14% electrical rate increase would be a significant step in prioritizing the welfare of all Oregonians and promoting their financial and environmental well-being.

I appreciate the time you have taken to consider my concerns and hope that the Commission will act in the best interests of all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

Peter Brown  
Portland Resident

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Customer Help Line  
Bolt Computer Repair  
<http://www.boltcomputerservices.com/>  
503-616-2841

**From:** [Roberta Morin](#)  
**To:** [PUC PUC.PublicComments \\* PUC](#)  
**Subject:** Utility Rate Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 6:12:43 AM

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Please raise the rates higher on commercial enterprises. Don't put a further burden on households. We are barely making ends meet now. An increase would only make it harder on us at this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

RJ Morin