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Subject:

Proposed PacifiCorp Rate Hike

To Whom It May Concern:

I have just read an E-Mail, informing me that tomorrow there will be a meeting of the Public Service Commission to consider a sizeable rate hike for PacifiCorp on our utilities.

PLEASE. THIS is NOT the time to do such a thing. This borders on immoral, if not criminal.

Countless people are struggling; many have already lost their jobs. Neighborhood break-ins are again on the rise (two homes that we know of in our neighborhood were "hit" last week); gang violence is up, because money is tight, and "getting by" for some is almost a thing of the past.

We just had a "Scouting for FOOD Drive" this past weekend. We were encouraged to be generous, as the need for food is now greater than ever before.

Raising utility rates for people who can't even buy food or pay the current rates would only add insult to injury, further burdening those who are already suffering? How can a rate hike NOW possibly be justified? PLEASE DO NOT approve this request until it really makes sense.

I wish that I could attend tomorrow's meeting, but I am taking a disabled friend to the doctor tomorrow afternoon. So, please let this E-Mail be my voice.

Sincerely,

EllA Duke-Baxter

SERVICE COMMISSION