

Merilee Livingston - Proposed PacifiCorp utility rate increase

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If the Public Service Commission approves this \$45 million rate hike that PacifiCorp has requested, and the way the company goes about it, it will send the worst possible message to ratepayers. When the Division of Public Services and the Committee of Consumer Services discussed this increase behind closed doors (there should be no closed door meetings, and what part of public don't you understand?), the message is clear. They really do not want the public, ratepayers, involved in the outcome. Who is looking out for us, the public and ratepayer? Let the regulators do the job that ratepayers pay them to do, without being drawn into closed door negotiations. There is no transparency in that. PacifiCorp should have rate hikes to equal what is justified. If any one of you were purchasing a product, what would you do if the seller asked 4 times as much as what is was worth? would you then be happy at paying twice as much?? This is a no brainer. It is highly arrogant for PacifiCorp to inflate their rates, especially at this time of economic crisis. People are hurting financially, but the big companies want to take more and more. When will one of you call a halt? I am a retiree on a fixed income, and my insurance giant raised its rates, deductibles, and decreased the amounts they will cover. Citizens are getting hit from all sides. I anxiously await the outcome.

This is just another example that our elected legislators are not in office for us, the taxpayer, but for whomever can lure them into their way of thinking. John Valentine certainly is not supporting his constituency, and should not expect to be elected again.

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