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Subject: Rate Hikes

Dear Ms Livingston,

I am writing to ask that the PacifiCorp/Rocky Mountain Power (with the accent on POWER) jackals not be given more than a 26 percent increase; anything more is unjustifiable, especially now when so many people are having financial difficulties and would find it a burden to pay higher energy rates.

I am appalled by the way PC/RMP has its way with residential neighborhoods: 800 South (so the U of U can build their little "village", and more), the ugly trios of poles on Sunnyside Avenue and the monstrosity planned for 1100 East. They hold all the cards and they know it. If residents don't like the ugliness that ensues from their so-called improvements, they are, of course, welcome to choose another way, but they'll have to pay outrageous sums that RMP knows they'll never be able to produce. To add insult to injury, if PC/RMP doesn't get its way, they issue warnings and threats.

The only recourse I know of is the Public Service Commission (neighborhood councils are powerless, the SLC council hasn't seemed to be helpful, and any action the Committee of Public Services has taken is unknown), so I'm asking, now that the secret meetings are over, that the PSC decision be made on the side of the consumer. PacifiCorp's shareholders need to accept a share of a slowing economy just as we taxpayers have been forced to do - no cozy meetings for us, were there?

Sincerely,

Kathleen Svendsen

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