



OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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Public Utility Commission of Oregon
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
Salem, Oregon 97301-3398

RE: Public Comments on UE 435

Dear Public Utility Commission,

As members of the Legislative Assembly, we are reaching out to share a pressing concern from our constituents regarding the Portland General Electric (PGE) rate case (UE 435).

Many of our constituents have expressed their worries about the proposed 7.4% rate increase for Oregon households. This increase comes at a time when we all are still grappling with the financial strain from the previous substantial rate hike and the hefty bills following January's ice storm. To put it plainly, PGE's rates for households have skyrocketed by 30% from December 2022 to January 2024.

Although we recognize the importance of building a future-ready grid and PGE's commitment to delivering reliable electricity at a lower cost, it is crucial to ensure that these advancements do not disproportionately disadvantage our most vulnerable communities along the way.

We hear firsthand that these increases are impacting people's lives. Families are struggling to make ends meet, and this additional burden would continue to exacerbate the financial challenges faced by many in our community.

We urge you, as the Commission, to stand with us and reject this rate increase. Now is not the time to place further financial strain on Oregon households. We need you to protect consumers and help ensure that utility rates remain fair and reasonable.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to seeing how PGE and the Oregon Public Utility Commission will address these concerns in the coming months and we plan to follow up accordingly.

Sincerely,

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Representative Hoa Nguyen
House District 48, East Portland

Representative Hai Pham
House District 36, South Hillsboro
and West Beaverton

Senator Aaron Woods
Senate District 13, Sherwood, Tigard,
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