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Subject: Pacifcorp rate increase request

CC: <ura@utahratepayers.org>
Gentlemen:

I wish to offer my testimony in this case by means of this email message, being unable to attend today's hearing in person.

Thank you.

I find 3 things wrong with this request:

1. It truly is too much. Berkshire hathaway needs the money, but so do a lot more people in lesser circumstances - the ones who are now desperately trying to make diminishing means meet increasing needs.
2. Really bad timing. I very strongly recommend that you politely dismiss this case and ask the petitioner to return with a reasonable request when the economic situation of the ratepayers has improved to where even today's rate become affordable. If the Company really needs more cash - well I'm sure the shareholders wouldn't mind a smaller dividend - under the circumstances...
3. I strongly disapprove of what appears to be a settlement of this case. Other than this hearing, the public will have no participation in the settlement process. That is very wrong in my opinion. "We, the people," are the ones who pay the bills!

In support of the above opinions, I wish to offer this factual observation taken from my home electricity useage and rate data I have been compliling since the year 2000. I am and have been a customer of "Rocky Mountain Power" since 1990.

While our Schedule 2 useage remained relatively constant (annual low of 23,198 Kwh in 2000 to a high of 30,899 Kwh in 2008), averaging 26,986 Kwh per year, our rates increased from \$0.0621/Kwh to \$0.0852. This was a rate increase of \$0.0231/Kwh. In percentage terms that's a 37% increase over the 9 year term, or 4.1% per year. (Data available upon request.)

Argument:

Hasn't that been enough? Isn't it just such utility rate increase activity the driving force behind the very closely matching increase in our reported "cost-of-living"?

Please, Gentlemen - let's take a "time-out" from these perennial increases.

Thank you, most sincerely,

Tolford R. Young

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