



Tell state regulators how an added 7% on your PGE bill will impact you personally!

The Backstory: Despite an 18% increase in January, skyrocketing bills, and heavy outcry from customers, Portland General Electric (PGE) is asking for another 7% rate increase. PGE households' bills have already gone up by 30% since December 2022. **Enough is enough.**

CUB asked the Public Utility Commission to dismiss PGE's request. They rejected our motion. Although CUB is disappointed, this is a clear sign that we must keep up the pressure. We need your help in sending regulators a clear message: **Now is not the time to approve PGE's unreasonable request to raise bills.**

Testimony Template Guideline

Step 1: Introduce yourself. Give your name, city/town, and relationship to PGE. (Are you a customer? How long have you been a customer of PGE?):

Step 2: Identify your connection to this bill increase:

- ☐ Another rate increase would cause me financial distress or hardship.
- ☐ I would have to choose between paying other bills, like groceries or medication, to afford this increase.
- ☐ All of my bills are not currently manageable and I am concerned by this increase.
- ☐ I am concerned that this rate increase will impact loved ones or members of my community.
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Step 3: Write 2-3 sentences expanding on the issues you checked off. Elaborate on how each concern relates to your personal life. If you are already financially strained with the high bills, how is your household cutting corners? What can you foresee impacting you immediately with this bill increase? How might this increase impact your family, friends, or other members of your community?

Step 4: Reiterate your perspective and thank the members of the Commission. State why reducing the rate increase will directly benefit you and your community. Encourage them to consider your concerns and take action.

Here's an example testimony with this outline:

Members of the Public Utility Commission,

My name is _____ and I am here today to speak out against PGE's 7% proposed rate increase. I have been a PGE customer for _____ years.

Over the years, my bills have continuously increased year after year. My current household budget already limits my ability to provide for my family and afford the rising cost of living. My monthly electric bill has already increased by 30% since 2022. An additional 7% a month in utility bills will negatively impact me and make it even harder to afford essential purchases, such as gas, medication, and groceries.

My savings barely survived the pandemic and my family, along with people like myself, have been struggling to get back on our feet. Each year, my bills have increased and it gets harder and harder to catch up when my paycheck hasn't changed. **Enough is enough.**

This rate increase harms my family and my community. PGE needs to think about its customers before it continues to make such drastic changes to our bills. Please don't approve this rate increase and support the needs of PGE customers struggling to afford the cost of everyday living.

Thank you for your time and for listening to me,
