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The following is my input for your assessment on what I believe are arbitrary electric rate changes as proposed by PW&P:

- I strongly oppose that the grid access charge be applied to ALL customers. As stated by PW&P, the decline in retail sales revenue is primarily due to self-generation by certain customers, who need back up power when the sun doesn't shine, and who also need the existing distribution facilities to sell their excess energy to PW&P.

It is only fair that only those who caused the problem of abandoned infrastructure, and are also receiving the benefits of standby generation and two-way metering pay for the required overhead costs through the proposed access charge. This also applies to future self-generators.

- The underground surtax suspension is arbitrary on similar grounds (pun intended). We have already paid this surtax for decades. In the case of our neighborhood, we very likely paid for the conversion to underground several times over, but at a community meeting we were told very clearly that NO underground distribution would ever be installed in our area, except for a short feeder that has been completed already. Is it fair that after the suspension is over, that customers who will never benefit from underground keep on paying the surtax?

In both cases, the costs and benefits should be easy to allocate accurately and justly. There is precedent in various utilities in the US and other countries on this issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

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