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Dear Public Service Commission,

Upon learning about the sudden increase to the transportation service fees, Merit Medical strenuously objects to these cost increases. The administration fees affect the smaller transportation customers, the most. By raising the first tier to ten times more than what the bottom tier pays and leaving the administration fee as a flat rate, we are being impacted twice as much as other gas customers. It appears that the cost increases are being unjustly carried by the smaller volume customers.

It is our understanding that these significant increases will go into effect in a matter of weeks. We have budgeted for this year based on the current fee structure. If there needs to be increase at all please consider additional time before implementing the increases

We are already being impacted adversely by the Medical Device Tax imposed on us by the Affordable Care Act and this just adds another unjustified increase to our expenses.

Sincerely.

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