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Public Service Commission  
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Dear Commissioners:

I find the new rates proposed by Rocky Mountain Power to be completely backwards in their structure. We must encourage all customers to use less electricity, not the reverse. Having those who use the least electricity pay the greatest percentage increase, and those who use the most electricity pay the least percentage increase has it all backwards. While reading the meter may cost the same per household, serving the big users does not. Those who use the most are contributing the most to the need for more generation capacity and more power lines and all the other infra structure needed to distribute electricity. Reading the Meter is a tiny fraction of that cost. We have installed over 30 compact fluorescent light bulbs in our home to reduce the amount of electricity we use. We do not heat with electricity and do not own a clothes dryer. All our appliances are as energy efficient as possible given our budget. We are not alone in this attempt to conserve energy, especially electrical energy.

Having done all this at considerable expense I would be appalled and insulted if our rates went up by 35% while those that use 10 to 100 times as much electricity as we do go up only a small percent.

Electricity rates should be set to encourage conservation. We know that economic incentives are the best way to reduce energy usage, please use that incentive and set rates accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

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