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Fw: Utility Rates

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Dear Mr. Widerburg

My name is HJ Hommes, I am a retired Senior citizen, I live in a small town called Central, in Southern Utah.

I appreciate your taking the time to talk to me today about the plight that I and other Senior and low income people are having with their Utility Bills, especially Rocky Mountain Power.

This month I was hit with a \$392.00 "catch up" bill on top of my usual \$120 monthly equal payment bill, since I only make \$1600 a month and also have a \$800 mortgage payment on top of my other utility and other bills, it through me for quite a loop. Rocky Mountain Power did not even have the courtesy to notify me that they where going to do this but just withdrew the money from my account.

I would like you and the other members of the PUC to know we have reached and gone beyond our limit of what we can afford for utilities especially Power. My Power bills this year have doubled from last year even though I'm trying to conserve. I have installed CFL light bulbs always turn off lights and other items at night but the biggest cost in electricity the Air Conditioning and electric dryer I can't afford to replace. I've taken to drying some things the old fashioned way on a clothes line and keeping the thermostat down to 78 degrees but it has not helped much.

My biggest complaint with Rocky Mountain Power is their Three Tiered Residential billing system which charges a 50% premium once you go past what they think your usage should be, I think this is highly unfair. The biggest NONSENSE I've heard from them is they do this to discourage electrical usage, WHAT A CON, The more electricity they sell the bigger their profit.

I would like to see the PUC recommend at least 2 things. 1 That they do away with the Residential 3 Tier billing system, which I believe to be a con in order to charge more and two to provide discounts for Seniors and Low Income people

that can't afford their Utility Bills.

If Rocky Mountain Power were serious about reducing Residential electricity usage they would give considerable credit for upgrading

Air Conditioners and Dryers which are by far account for the most electric usage by the average residential customer, more so than they have offered in the past which still puts purchasing new units out of our reach.

If you have any questions I can be reached at hjhs@awinets.com or my home phone 801 738-3293 or by mail at
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Sincerely
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