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A residential customer using 70 therms of natural gas a month would see a bill of \$63.35, down from the current bill of \$79.43, if our request is approved. This is the third time this year that we've requested to lower your natural gas rates for a total of about 28 percent.

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