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Subject: Fwd: Cascade Natural Gas Proposed Rate Increase
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Please review my comments to WUTC below. The Proposed **Increase(s)** will be hard on folks with fixed incomes.

Thank you. Neil Wollam, Port Orchard

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From: wollam585 <wollam585@aol.com>
To: comments <comments @utc.wa.gov>
Sent: Thu, Feb 15, 2018 5:15 pm
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Having carefully reviewed the Mailed Notice of Proposed Rate Increase I have **Residential** comments as follow:

1. They have shown the Rate Change of 4.41% (which seems excessive) without some amplification on Capital Investments and Operating/Maintaining.

Why not tell us what their 10 largest NEEDED Capital Investments are?

2. By not mentioning Service Charge, although shown, they are trying to pass a **50% Service Charge Increase** in addition to the Rate Increase, so the average residential customer won't be paying \$2.09 more per month but **\$4.09 more.**

3. Operating/Maintaining-Who is paying for the "FREE" fiberglass Pipeline Marker post near our mailbox and new protective solid post near my gas meter, both of which have been installed in last year?
Since 1979 our property did quite well without both, but I understand why they were installed.

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