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To: ATG WWW E-mail Public Counsel
Subject: rate increase letter

[EXTERNAL]

To Whom It May Concern.

I received the notice that a rate increase is being proposed. I am writing to let you know I object to the rate increase as stated in the notice.

In January 2025, the rate increase is expected to be 6.74% if approved by the commission. In January 2026, the rate increase is expected to increase by 9.30%. These rate increases are too high.

In reading the reasons for the rate increases, the items are legitimate. The different projects might need to have a different timeline than planned at present.

The increase you propose might not seem very much to you, but to the average family it will have an impact. Our family might receive a 3% increase in pay per year. Even with this increase, it does not keep up with other expenses going up such as property taxes, water bill, food, utility bills to name a few. Yes, I am aware there are "community help" programs and "senior citizens" programs available. Perhaps these programs help a few but for those of us that are slightly over the income cap, these increases are a real struggle.

I am asking that you reduce the rate increase percentage to a cap of 3.5% per year. Yes, I realize that the companies also have expenses to cover, however I believe they can rearrange their long-term projects they listed to be covered with a lower percentage increase than the one proposed.

Thank you.

Heidi Goodman