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[EXTERNAL]

Hello-

I would like to make following comments regarding the public hearing on Wednesday, October 9th, 2024. I will be unable to participate by Zoom. My comments are directed to the electric rates as we do not have access to gas.

1. Why am I funding wildfire and mitigation response. We have other departments whose job it is to do this. This just sounds like an excuse to get in on the "ecology" money train in this state.
2. What are the increased costs? Nothing is new in our area. We still lose power during storms and at odd times the power is "unstable" which triggers issues with our computers and other electronics. What are you buying that is going to make things better for the public?
3. How much of the rate increase is to increase salaries for employees. Why are we paying more for pay and perks. I don't get the entire state paying for my pay raise. I have never gotten either a 7.19% raise or a 9.58% raise in my life. Just how am I to pay for "more" which is probably just so that employees get a big pay raise because they work so much harder than I.
4. Who uses 800KW hours or less a month to get the "low rate"? Most will easily exceed this amount meaning their real rate increase will be considerably higher than what you way it will be.
5. Why am I paying for Beaver Creek wind farm and the 83K homes. Wind farms do not reduce my electric useage and why are the developers who will benefit from selling 83K houses not paying for electricity for their planned operations.
6. Who is exempt from these increases? Schools, fire departments, police departments, county and city offices, and others will just go to the taxpayer to fund the increase for them so I pay twice- for my residence and then for all these other tax and rate increase exempt people who pass the costs to residents.
7. Again, what is better for the residents that justifies any increases that well outweigh what they can afford to pay. Fixed income and seniors will obviously be hurt most since Social Security and state pensions don't pay this type of increase as a IPD or COLA. If the rate of inflation is now below 3%, again; what justifies the high rate increases for just the same thing. Cable companies do the same thing- increased costs and less benefits.

Cordially,

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