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February 9, 2001

Susan Lynch
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Re: Case No. U-12752, Consumers Energy Company

Dear Ms. Lynch:

Thank you for writing and expressing your concerns about the increase in gas rates proposed by Consumers Energy Company.

The Commission has received other letters that oppose the proposed rate increases. The evidentiary hearing phase of the case is underway. The Commission will issue its decision and order after carefully reviewing the record and the established facts.

Your letter has been placed in our file for this case and is available to the Commission for review. We have also sent a copy of your letter to all parties to Case No. U-12752.

Sincerely,

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Dorothy Wideman
Executive Secretary

c: Parties to Case No. U-12752
Gas Division
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Pillon, Jeffrey @PSCES@CIS U-12752

From: Bogle, Richard J @PSCES@CIS
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2001 8:12 AM
To: Pillon, Jeffrey @PSCES@CIS
Subject: FW: Consumers Power Rate Increase request

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From: SGLYNCH777@aol.com [mailto:SGLYNCH777@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2001 4:56 AM
To: mpsc.webmaster@cis.state.mi.us
Subject: Consumers Power Rate Increase request

Please, carefully consider the request for a 70% increase in rates. With all the businesses closing and people out of work. Many have had to already cut their household budgets by taking jobs at minimum or much less wages than they were accustomed to. An increase of this magnitude could place people into desperate situations forcing many to make decisions as to which of the very basic needs do we eliminate in order to have heat and electric.

I live with my parents who are in their 80's and on a fixed income. All they have is social security. My father was self-employed for 50+ years. He did not have the luxury of a "Pension" or other retirement plan. Combining their income and mine just allows us to make the monthly payments. Any significant increase could cause a great hardship.

Careful consideration in reviewing their request is crucial. Thank you.

Susan Lynch