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Marcella Daseen



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Flint, Mi. 48532



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4607 Elmhurst
Royal Oak MI 48073

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To Whom It May Concern:

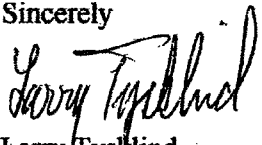
I am writing to voice my disagreement over the rate increase by consumers energy of 100% and Michcon of 75%.

If a rate increase is necessary I feel 100% and 75% is excessive for a one time rate increase.

There are people such as the elderly and disabled that live on a fixed income and do not qualify for credits or other programs. These people in particular will not be able to afford the rate increase. They are already struggling to choose whether to pay for prescriptions or buy food with what money they have.

I feel the rate increases should be reconsidered for the benefit of the people who do not have the money in their budgets to cover a 100% or 75% increase.

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Sincerely,

Jenna Ray

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To: Michigan Public Service Division
C 90 Natural Gas (Utilities Division).

I am against the anticipation of higher rates on Natural Gas in the state of Michigan. The Mich. Public Service Commission oked the SELECT GAS PROGRAM allowed Natural Gas Companies to lock in rates for up to (3) three years between Gas co and their customers. MICHCON and others are LOCK IN by legal contracts.

Enclosed find newspaper clipping of an article about Mich Con Gas Co and other news.

Yours Truly, (OVER)

MR. DOUGLAS DeLaval
3102 U.S. 23 SOUTH
ALPENA, MI, 49707

AS A CUSTOMER, I AM
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Natural gas cost capped

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By RICH WERTZ
News Staff Writer

Northeast Michigan residents who heat with natural gas can look forward to winter with no fear of a price hike, industry representatives said.

Federal officials earlier this week predicted natural gas prices could rise more than 50 percent across the nation this winter because of production cutbacks, short supplies and high demand.

But in Michigan, prices charged by major suppliers like MichCon are capped at \$2.95 per thousand cubic feet of gas.

"We have plenty of gas in storage, and we're not going to be affected by these crazy prices at all," said Amy Messano, a spokeswoman for MichCon, which has more than 5,260 natural gas customers in Alpena, Alcona and Presque Isle counties.

The price charged by Presque Isle Gas and Electric Cooperative, which has some 4,400 gas customers in Northeast Michigan, is capped at 5 cents below MichCon's price.

"The fact that MichCon is locked in means we're locked in," said PIE&G spokesman Art Ross.

MichCon's price cap was imposed by the Michigan Public Service Commission, which regulates utilities. The cap is part of a three-year pilot program now in its second year.

The goal is a completely deregulated market with prices set by competition, Messano said. In the meantime, the pilot program allows a limited number of gas customers to leave the major suppliers while capping the prices paid by the remaining customers, she said.

Ross said PI&G has franchise agreements with the villages and townships in the areas it serves. Those agreements uniformly set the natural gas price at 5 cents below MichCon's price, he said.

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In Michigan, gasoline prices have gone up over 50% in the last year. In California, natural gas prices have nearly quadrupled. And in May, Michigan will deregulate the energy industry. Already the gas companies have said they will immediately double energy prices. I'm sure this is not what the Michigan legislature has in mind when it deregulated the energy industry. Every citizen in the state is going to mad at you if you don't do something now. It's not too late to strike down the deregulation before it starts. Deregulation is out of control in California and it will happen here if you don't take immediate measures to stop.

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End energy deregulation now, before it kicks into effect in May.

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Sincerely,



Allen Salyer
P.O. Box 1551
Royal Oak, MI 48068



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February 13, 2001

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Mr. Allen Salyer
P.O. Box 1551
Royal Oak, MI 48068

Dear Mr. Salyer:

Thank you for writing to express your concerns about natural gas prices in Michigan. Your letter to Governor Engler was referred to the Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) for response.

While it is true that gasoline and natural gas prices in Michigan have increased in the last year, most residential and small commercial customers in Michigan are in a very unique situation in that the frozen gas rates they are paying throughout this winter are significantly below rates other customers are paying for gas costs across the country. The national wholesale price for natural gas has more than tripled since last year ---- reaching a high this January of \$9.98 per Mcf. Reasons given for the national price increase include increased gas use in electric generating facilities and colder than normal weather across the country. Additionally, gas supplies have not been as available due to a slow down in gas exploration because of relatively low prices over the past several years. Added to the supply issue was the lower level of gas inventories in storage across the country at the beginning of the heating season which adversely impacted the market price.

The Commission is currently unaware of any plans in the Michigan legislature to deregulate the natural gas industry in Michigan in May or at any future date. However, customers of Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, Consumers Energy Company and SEMCO Energy Company currently have a choice for their natural gas supplier. Two to three years ago the Commission approved the programs that allow customer choice. The Commission did not, however, nor did the legislature, deregulate the natural gas industry. The Commission continues, with legislative authority, to set rates for natural gas public utilities.

The energy crisis in California that you referenced in your letter has not gone unnoticed. The Commission is aware of it and is currently taking steps to ensure that Michigan's energy future is secure.

Should you have other questions or concerns about your gas service, you may write to us at the above address, call us toll-free at 1-800-292-9555 or e-mail us at <http://cis.state.mi.us/mpsc>.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Kidd, Director
Gas Division

cc: Honorable John Engler, Governor
Kathleen Wilbur, Director, Department of Consumer & Industry Services
Laura Chappelle, Chairman, Michigan Public Service Commission

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January 25, 2001

Dear Sir;

How in God's name can the energy companies justify a 100% increase in their rates?

With people on fixed incomes having to choose between food and needed medication its unbelievable that now they will have to add heat to their choices.

We expected raised rates with deregulation but this is ridiculous. This matter demands investigation and as a representative of the people we are looking to you to protect us from this corporate greed. Our concerns are supposed to be of importance to you. Now prove it. Show us why we put you in office.

DO SOMETHING!!!!

Sincerely,

Carol A. O'Neil
3057 Boyscout Rd.
Bay City, MI 48706



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February 6, 2001

Ms. Carol A. O'Neil
3057 Boyscout Road
Bay City, MI 48706

Dear Ms. O'Neil:

Your letter to Governor John Engler was referred to the Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) for response. Thank you for writing to express your concerns about the proposed gas rate increases for Consumers Energy and other natural gas companies. Recent media attention given to the companies' gas cost increases are a result of the utilities' expanded gas customer choice pilot programs that included frozen rates that are beginning to expire. Two to three years ago, the Commission approved these programs which, among other things, froze rates for a three-year period.

Most residential and small commercial customers in Michigan are in a very unique situation in that the frozen gas rates they are paying throughout this winter are significantly below rates other customers are paying for gas costs across the country. The national wholesale price for natural gas has more than tripled since last year ---- reaching a high this January of \$9.98 per Mcf. Reasons given for the national price increase include increased gas use in electric generating facilities and colder than normal weather across the country. Additionally, gas supplies have not been as available due to a slow down in gas exploration because of relatively low prices over the past several years. Added to the supply issue was the lower level of gas inventories in storage across the country at the beginning of the heating season which adversely impacted the market price.

While we do understand your concern about the potential 40-60% increases requested, it should be noted that the Commission has not made a decision on either of the requests. Therefore, your letter will be placed in the Consumers Energy Company case file, along with other customer letters, for review by the Commission.

Should you have other questions or concerns about your gas service, you may write to us at the above address, call us toll-free at 1-800-292-9555 or e-mail us at <http://cis.state.mi.us/mpsc>.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Kidd, Director
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January 26, 2001

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GAS DIVISION

Dear Commissioners,

I have read in the local paper and saw on the television news that there are planned increases by Consumers Energy and Mich. Con.

It is outrageous that these companies feel they can increase their cost to the general public by 50-75%. It's likely that their costs have risen the past three years but this increase is an extreme one!

Most Michigan workers are fortunate to receive a 3-4% increase in their wages each year. Not to mention the impact that this increase would have on our Michigan "seniors" that live on a fixed income! This increase would truly be a hardship for these seniors.

I'm sure you realize that this action will have a ripple affect on every aspect of our Michigan economy. Businesses will be forced to raise consumer prices as a result of this increase, which in turn will slow our state's economy, and more jobs will be lost. It is evident that such an increase would be detrimental to the financial health of the State of Michigan.

I sincerely hope that you will consider the impact of these planned increases on the working, the poor and the senior citizens.

Please hold down the cost of our power and gas in the State of Michigan!

Sincerely,

Jerry & Vicki Sweet



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February 1, 2001

Mr. and Mrs. Terry L. Sweet
264 Southcreek Dr.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sweet:

Your letter to the Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) regarding the proposed Consumers Energy Company and Michigan Consolidated Gas Company rate increases has been received. Recent media attention given to the two companies' gas cost increases are a result of the utilities' expanded gas customer choice pilot programs that included frozen rates that are beginning to expire. Two to three years ago, the Commission approved these programs which, among other things, froze rates for a three-year period.

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Sincerely

Sandra Philpott-Burke, Supervisor
Service Quality Section

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I hope that you will think of the working, the poor and the retired citizens. Please hold down the cost of our power and gas in the State of Michigan.

Sincerely,

Sydney Hagerty



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February 1, 2001

Ms. Lynnda Hagerty
21951 Stratford
Oak Park, MI 48237

Dear Ms. Hagerty:

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