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Sincerely,

Delphine A. Knoll

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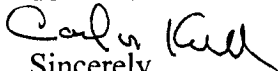
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Commissioners
Laura Chappelle

~~John G. Strand~~
David A. Svanda
Robert B. Nelson

February 23, 2001

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Knoll
6798 Mountain Drive
Troy, MI 48098

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Knoll:

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.

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 case files, 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,

Sandra Philpott-Burke, Supervisor
Service Quality Section

cc: ☒ Docket File U-12752 (Consumers Energy Company)
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Sincerely,

Steven & Lillian Ramee



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February 14, 2001

Mr. Steven Ramer
130 Strieter Dr.
Saginaw, MI 48609-5203

Dear Mr. Ramer:

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Wanita Perry



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February 14, 2001

Ms. Wanita Perry
2283 Covert Road
Burton, MI 48509

Dear Ms. Perry:

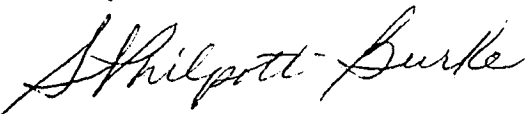
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Service Quality Section

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Feb. 15, 2001

Mr. Public Service Commission
Lansing, Mi. 48909

Dear Sir:

I am very concerned about the raises that
the gas Co. + Light Companies are asking. I
understand these Companies want to double their rates.
This would put an impossible burden on many
People. It seems that gas & Electricity are quite
high priced as is.

It looks like they want to do like the Big oil
Companies have done. Give this close scrutiny
before giving them everything they want.

Sincerely,

Arthur E. Moberg
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Ludington, Mi. 49431

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March 1, 2001

Michigan Public Service Commission
Consumer Services Division
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I'm a concerned citizen and business owner, concerned about the substantial hike in gas and electric rates. I own a small printing business, that I operate since the death of my husband. As it is I'm paying \$200 a month for electric and \$2400 a year in gas. I really can't afford a 40 - 50% increase. Please consider this when making your decision.

Janice L. Danielson



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March 8, 2001

Ms. Janice L. Danielson
Danielson Colorprint
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Ludington, MI 49431

Commissioners
Laura Chappelle
David A. Svanda
Robert B. Nelson

Dear Ms. Danielson:

Thank you for writing to the Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) to express your concerns regarding the proposed Consumers Energy Company and Michigan Consolidated Gas Company rate increases. 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.

The Commission does, however, regulate natural gas companies and set rates that customers pay. But, 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. Therefore, the high demand for smaller supplies caused prices to increase.

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

Your concern with electric rates was taken care of by Public Act 141 of 2000, Section 10D, which capped electric rates until December 31, 2003. So you can expect no increase in your electric rates in the near future.

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

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