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Dear Sirs;

I am writing to strongly protest the proposed rate increase of 73.3 % of the base rate as proposed by Atmos Energy of Dallas Texas.

I've checked the companies performance at the Yahoo Finance website and I find that the company has been performing quite nicely over the last 10 years without this additional base rate.

If I understand the proposal, Atmos would be charging each residential consumer a base rate of \$13.00 / per month per meter for a total of \$156.00 per year before the commodity and distribution charge is added.

I can understand a higher charge for natural gas due to a shortage of supplies, which encourages the consumer to reduce thermostat settings and insulate as needed. However, a higher base rate is likely to cause consumers such as me to drop Atmos Energy all together and to use an alternative source of heating, and with \$156.00 as an annual base charge, it doesn't take long to find motivation to do so.

I might also add that Atmos Energy didn't seem to have any difficulty paying it's CEO, Robert Best, \$1,300,000.00 last year or it's CFO nearly half a million. Perhaps they think all of their customers are as well heeled as Mr Best?

Sincerely,


Stephen Crowe