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Dear Members:

I am writing this letter in hopes that you will take into consideration what I bring.

Recent tax law changes have resulted in what I think is a windfall to the utilities as well as all other corporations.

I ask you to determine what this reduction in taxes means to the utilities. I believe that these changes result in millions of added revenue to the corporations.

One current request before your consideration is an attempt by the utilities to return some of these gains to the users. I think it is a return of 5% (of what is not clear), but for only a limited period of time.

Another request is for a rate increase to pay for some environmental work in the neighborhood of \$14 million.

Urge you to not approve the rate increase without knowing the full amount of money the tax reduction will generate to offset this and any future rate increases.

Secondly, the proposed return to the users of 5% be made permanent since the tax cut was permanent and that it be listed as separate line item on the bill rather than be included in any other line item where it will be absorbed and lost forever in the mumbo jumbo of how things are billed out.

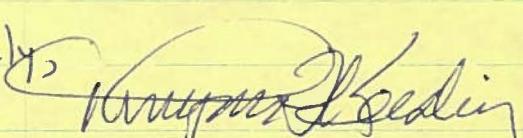
In addition I have deep concerns that nothing is ever completely ended. By that I mean are we the users paying for power improvements done decades ago that are from plants that have been decommissioned and no longer providing power.

What happens when a plant is decommissioned? Is the equipment sold?, salvaged; left in place to rot or what? Is the real estate the plant was built upon sold? I have no clear understanding of the process that once a plant is decommissioned that the users are still paying for it, over and over.

I realize that there are ongoing costs associated with operations of the plants but I never see how the whole life-cycle of the utilities are ever shown or explained in language that the common person can understand in the descriptions put in the newspapers.

I hope I have made my points clear, if not feel free to contact me:

Sincerely,

  
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