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I would like to voice my objection to the increase requested by Clark Energy of Winchester, (Stanton & Frenchburg offices). I find the utilities in general keep rising while customers in our low-income areas find jobs are not sufficient for them to raise their family or survive on their own. The senior population along with uneducated and underemployed people simply cannot live on what they make. The government and major corporations are making probably billions of dollars while withholding a livable wage. In the current pandemic, however, small businesses are suffering and there will be a lot of closures causing further loss of jobs.

I object to all raises proposed by Clark Energy. The fact that the total impact to Clark Energy's Revenues is listed as only 2% must have hidden information within the request because you can't get that from proposed rates. In addition, Schedule D: Time of Use Marketing Service is ridiculous. If we're talking about marketing services, then I do not see where this is needed. Clark Energy is a well known company with monthly public marketing literature (charging customers). Schedule D's request is not needed unless there's a slush fund for management within the company.

Specifically related to Schedule R, Residential Services, I **strongly oppose the rate increase**. I am a senior living on a fixed income and even though your percent looks low, the cost proposed of \$18.00 from \$12.43 is high. An extra \$6.00 added to rate increases for education, telephone bills, water, along with the recent 9-12% increase in groceries because of the pandemic is too much to bear. When one has a limited income, even small increases cause a hit to budgets. When I have to make decisions on purchasing medicine or groceries, I cut the food budget first and then cut the medicinal costs. This in turn will result in lack of proper health care; so you get an idea of why I protest Clark Energy's proposed increase.

Considering all the facts of the effects, even a small amount is horrific to customers like me. I trust you will take this seriously and deny any rate increases.

Sincerely,


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