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Zip: 41501

Comments:

Our electric bill continues to increase and include additional add-on charges resulting in astronomical monthly bills. In contacting the company, the only solution is a payment plan which includes all charges. I realize costs have increased; however, these charges are making a major hardship currently. While currently receiving the most expensive electric bills ever, I understand RATE CASE NUMBER: 2025-00257 would even further increase rates. I found an add on charge for donation that I never consented to added to previous bill. I am currently on fixed income trying to pay my bill, while trying to help as much as possible to keep family members from being disconnected. We have experienced hardships recently with weather events and need assistance instead of additional increase. I strongly oppose additional rate hikes and ask that PSC please stop these increases/rate hikes, while checking validity of current rates being charged. There is no competition in this field and in comparing rates per kilowatt hour, our rates exceed families living in other areas. We recently unhooked/turned off everything while gone for two weeks. However, our bill did not reflect that. With these digital meters, consumers lost and continue losing the fight to control the utility bills. Thank you for your time, understanding and support. Anita

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