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PS-08-CRC-31658

Craig Strautin
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Re: North Carolina Utilities Commission Docket No. G5, Sub 495

Dear Ms. Strautin:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the above-referenced docket.

The original of your letter has been given to the Chief Clerk of the Commission for inclusion in the official file, and copies have been provided to the Public Staff's Gas and Legal Divisions for consideration in our investigation of this matter.

The Public Staff has the responsibility of representing the interests of the using and consuming public in utility matters, and we will participate on the public's behalf in this case. Representatives of the Public Staff will be present at the hearing to discuss the case with interested persons and to assist those wishing to present statements to the Commission.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Vickie Debnam, Complaint Analyst
Consumer Services Division

Clerk M4

cc: Chief Clerk (w/original letter)
Public Staff-Gas Division (w/copy of letter)
Public Staff-Legal Division (w/copy of letter)

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From: Craig Strautin [mailto:cstrautin@nitronex.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 2:45 PM
To: consumer.services@ncmail.net
Subject: PSNC

Dear NCUC,

I urge you to vote AGAINST a rate increase requested by PSNC. And also to vote AGAINST the rate decoupling. It will not increase conservation as PSNC would like you to think.

I am a fiscally and environmentally responsible individual who does not believe in wasting finite resources. Over the past several years I have installed a corn burning stove in my Family Room – it burns shelled corn, not corn cobs as most people think when they first here of this! I have also installed a tankless, or on-demand, gas hot water heater, which was roughly 30% more expensive than a tank system.

With the corn stove, I am able to heat my 4 bedroom, 2200sq ft home with minimal gas consumption. Typically the gas heat doesn't engage until the outside temperature drops below 30F. Approximately \$600 worth of corn is used annually. Since the growth and harvest rate for a new crop of corn is 1 year, my carbon cycle is also 1 year. What I burn in the winter, next year's corn crop absorbs from the atmosphere.

My tankless hot water system immediately cut my hot water gas bill to a third. Without the stand-by losses of a tank system, it is much more efficient and pollutes less.

I encourage you to vote against PSNC's requests.

Regards,
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