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The Honorable Roy Cooper  
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**Reference: PSNC - Docket No G-5, Sub 495**

**Proposed Increase in "Monthly Basic Facilities Charge" – Residential 20% Increase**

Dear Attorney General Cooper:

**This is to request that you refuse to approve an increase in the Residential "Monthly Basic Facilities Charge."**

The proposed 20% increase – from \$10 to \$12 each month (\$24 per year) is a regressive fee; that is, those who consume the least gas will pay the highest percentage of their gas costs in this fee. Further, this fee is charged for doing and providing nothing. In a time of growing scarcity of petroleum, fees and prices should be structured to provide incentive to use less. Therefore increases in the "Monthly Basic Facilities Charge" should be denied.

Please promote conservation.

Please do not allow any increase in the Residential "Monthly Basic Facilities Charge."

Thank you,

  
Alan Reberg

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