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Dear Kristin.

I am a retired biology teacher on a fixed income. The income is rather low.

I have in my hand a huge bill for natural gas. It has gone up almost \$40 since last year at the same time for about the same amount of therms. I called the gas company and they mentioned that you guys allowed a 40% increase in gas prices!

What in the world did you do that for? Do you have any idea how much stress that places on folks like me? I have an automatic system that allows the house temperature to go down to 55 at night and only keeps the house at 60 degrees in the daytime. The house is only about 1000 square feet with relatively good insulation and sealed doors and windows. I keep a fire burning during the coldest nights.

The cost of living increase was only a couple of %... how do you justify such a huge increase in gas costs.

Does this have anything to do with George W. Bush and his oil buddies?

Please send me some literature to help me understand why you made this decision and what else that I can do to keep from being bleed to death.

Thanks

Thomas Atkins  
(Are you any relation to Ron Mayes in Prescott?)

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