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**Unisource Gas
G-04204A-11-0158**



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In Opposition

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Subject: Unisource Gas, Inc. Requests Permanent Base Rate Increase

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Dear Commissioners;

I am a retired person on Social Security only. I face raising prices of food, fuel, taxes and insurance without any increases in income. Having worked for Pacific Bell Telephone, I know a public utility is only a form or two away from being a monopoly like government. I depend on you folks to be an advocate for me in these hearings for rate increases.

This docket No. G-04204A-11-0158 for Unisource Gas is for a 10% rate increase in the monthly residential customer. Why? Why should you grant a rate increase? Should you not expect Unisource to "suck it up" like 90% of the residents of Arizona? During these times our costs as consumers are going up without our having a voice to protest. You are the only defense we have to hold the line on rate increases. Unisource is a monopoly where it is the supplier of natural gas. This month my gas charge was 17% of my bill. No wonder Unisource wants a base rate increase!

I have seen reports of dockets and final votes of the commissioners and who are in attendance. Most attendees are organizations of utility company lobbying attorneys; seldom are there consumer advocates.

It is my hope you will deny this 10% increase or ANY increase for this non-gas cost issue. Unisource is a monopoly and no question is better off financially than 90 plus percent of its customers.

Regards,

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