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Subject: Proposed APS Fees for Non-Smart Meter Customers



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Dear Representative Thorpe:

Thank you for your e-mail which represents the views of some of your constituents. The APS proposal is just that, a proposal. And just as the bills that are dropped at the legislature go through a vetting/stakeholder process, this proposal will go through a similar process here at the Commission. We will strive to do what is best for all ratepayers.

The fees that are proposed by APS will go through an audit process to see if they are accurate and reasonable. Once that is determined the Commission will propose a policy and, if appropriate, a fee schedule.

For those people that wish to have the older style analog meter, the utility will incur costs that they wouldn't have if all customers were using a smart meter. Since utilities are regulated and the Corporation Commission sets their rates based, in part, on the costs to provide service, then the costs to employ meter readers and provide vehicles for a small percentage of customers would normally be passed on to ratepayers. The APS proposal is to have the customer that is causing the expense to pay that cost. The other alternative is to spread the cost to all ratepayers.

In order for your constituents that want to maintain the old analog meter not to pay some sort of opt-out fee, then all of your constituents would pay higher rates.

We are continuing to have stakeholder meetings on this issue and are trying to develop a policy that is fair for everyone.

Thank you for your service to the State and for speaking up on behalf of your constituents.

Regards,
Gary Pierce
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