

From: [Diana Larkin](#)
To: [PublicComments, PUC](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 2:09:14 PM

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As a disabled, low income senior citizen, I highly object to a rate hike in electricity. As it stands, I barely use electricity. It is unfortunate that I worked my entire life and have the worst struggles now , when I should be enjoying my life. Please do not hike our rates

From: [Melissa Bettencourt](#)
To: [PublicComments, PUC](#)
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 7:02:20 PM

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To who this may concern

I believe that you are well aware that people are in complete hardship, and I feel that companies ,such as the electric and gas company are taking advantage of there customers! Because these utilities ARE a necessity in this society... there for by raising rates and putting more of a strain on hard working families, especially single parent, you WILL be taking food off there tables,and shoes off there feet!! It needs to stop... the prices of everything are outrageous! And instead of helping people, you are hurting them, struggling people are getting depressed and stressed out more than usual,and suicide rates are up because of the strain of finances, when does it end??. please just stop raising prices, and let's raise hope!

From: [Donna Wellington](#)
To: [PublicComments, PUC](#)
Subject: PETITION FOR ENERGY RATE INCREASE TO BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY.
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023 9:53:11 AM

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STOP THE ENERGY PROPOSED INCREASE
WHICH SHOULD TAKE EFFECT SEPTEMBER 1/ 2023 AND OCTOBER 1/ 2023.

From: [Rep. Morales, David](#)
To: [PublicComments, PUC](#); Ron.Gerwatowski@dpuc.ri.gov; Abigail.Anthony@dpuc.ri.gov
Cc: [George, Linda \(DPUC\)](#)
Subject: Rep. Morales: Letter to the PUC
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 5:47:31 PM
Attachments: [Rep Morales - Letter to PUC \(RE - Fall 2023 Rate Hikes\).pdf](#)

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Dear Members of the PUC:

Please find attached my letter **opposing** the proposed rate hikes presented by RI Energy.
Thank you,

David Morales

RI State Representative (District 7)

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From: [Kristen Haines](#)
To: [PublicComments, PUC](#)
Subject: RI Energy Rate Change.
Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 2:29:43 PM

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Hello,

I am writing against energy rate increases for Rhode Islanders. As a low-income resident of Providence, I know firsthand that our utilities are unaffordable to most. We have had multiple rate increases over the past few years, and seen skyrocketing costs for necessities like rent and food due to inflation. Rents have increased to an average of 2,000 per month for a 2-bedroom apartment - an amount unaffordable to most people in this city - and caused our houseless population to grow. Being hit with yet another rate increase would only worsen the problem.

Please do not raise the utility costs for Rhode Island's most vulnerable.

Thank you,
Kristen Haines
21 Wood Street
Providence, RI 02909

From: [Susan Kelley](#)
To: [PublicComments, PUC](#)
Subject: RI Energy Rate Change
Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 3:35:33 PM

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Dear Public Utility Commission:

Rhode Island Energy should consider the citizens of Rhode Island and do its best to become a good neighbor. Any considered rate increases should be frozen (preferably cancelled) for low-income, unemployed, and disabled people, as well as for senior citizens on a fixed income. By enacting rate increases across the board, Rhode Island Energy will push more people into homelessness or into freezing this winter.

A good policy to implement would be to pass PIPP: Percentage Income Payment Plan. This policy would create a sliding scale of ability to pay.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Susan M. Kelley
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From: [Schiller, Barry](#)
To: [PublicComments, PUC](#)
Subject: winter electric rate hike comment
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Dear PUC

with regard to the winter adjustment of PPL electric rates please consider the following suggestion.

I understand with their near-monopoly status, the distribution company must be allowed to pass on their costs in exchange for regulating (capping) their rates. But how they recover their cost can be adjusted.

I suggest the development of a "lifeline" or inverted rate where everybody gets a basic amount of electricity at low rates, but use beyond the basic amount is charged at higher rates. This has many advantages. It gives low income people a basic amount to electricity at affordable rates. It gives everybody an incentive to conserve, and a reward for doing so, that is social justice too. It is especially important now to strongly promote conservation as the grid is facing increasing demands for transportation and heating even as it still uses a lot of fossil fuels that contribute to the climate crisis. And a lifeline rate for all doesn't require a bureaucracy to police incomes and eligibility.

Thank you for consideration of this idea.

Barry Schiller

North Providence