

Good afternoon,

Our August bill shows \$191 in supply charges but \$279.51 in delivery charges. My wife is unemployed and I am on VA disability, yet we are being billed more to deliver electricity than for the electricity itself. A copy of our bill is enclosed for reference.

The problem is not simply that some households struggle more than others. The deeper issue is that the state has shifted the cost of its policy priorities onto every ratepayer.

Forcing all customers to bankroll state programs through mandatory surcharges buried in delivery charges is regressive, opaque, and fundamentally unfair.

If the State of Rhode Island believes funding renewable energy growth, efficiency programs, or LIHEAP enhancements is important, then it should fund them transparently through the state's tax revenues and annual budget. These are public policy initiatives, and they belong in the state's budget, not hidden inside utility bills that every household in Rhode Island is forced to pay.

We respectfully request that the Commission review the fairness of this structure and take steps to ensure delivery charges cannot exceed supply charges, and that state policy costs are not forced onto households already struggling to pay their own bills.

Sincerely,

Kenneth and Bonnie Arnold