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I am very concerned about the unaffordability of electricity in Vermont. Having received notice today of the request of Green Mountain Power to increase base rates 7.35%, I find a lack of explanation.

- 1- cover projected routine costs to serve safe reliable power
- 2- reflect increases in regional energy markets and regional transmission costs

1- What are the "routine costs" that are no longer sufficient?

I am paying a total of \$8.14 a month now for major storm/extreme storm repair. Multiply that by GMO's 275,000 customers and that brings \$2.24 million into the GMO coffer EVERY MONTH. How is it invested? Energy efficiency charge is \$7.27. Multiply that by 275,000 customers and that brings in \$2 million EVERY MONTH. How is it invested?

I alone pay \$1.50 each month times 275,000 GMP customers and that brings in \$412,500 EVERY MONTH.

2- More and more large solar fields are being erected by large solar companies. Are these the "regional energy markets" that want more for their product?

What is involved in "regional transmission" that "routine costs" does not cover. It seems that this multi million dollar business is too, too quick to increase the customer charge before being more cautious managing their business.

Last October 1, 2024, my monthly bill was raised \$50. I am in a two person household and in Florida three months in the winter. If my \$50 was multiplied by 275,000 customers, that is \$13.75 million EVERY MONTH gain to GMP.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE PUC ASKS MANY POINTED QUESTIONS.

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