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I just received the highest GMP electric bill of almost 12 years mortgaging this home. It is less than some as I am quite conservative with my electricity use. I gave away my electric dryer as I prefer the line or rack method of drying. I also note my elec. use is higher in the 4 A.M.-8 A.M. time. Power use also is higher, and in some cases more than doubled like this month that isn't done yet. From last July through October the reported use was so much higher, as was last February. Only one month showed a miniscule decrease. I'd like to see GMP perform an energy use audit as I find these usage numbers baffling. Lastly it seems to me GMP has been granted rate increases more frequently than I feel is necessary to keep ahead of the dwindling dollar power. I'll be 75 this Oct. and think someone at GMP can get by with a lower salary. I credit the employees that are sometimes out at all hours and in bad weather, but something needs to change.