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Robert Clayton III
Chairman, Missouri Public Service Commission

Dear Mr. Clayton:

Two years ago a rate increase was approved for MGE that doubled our monthly bills. I received a notice with my gas bill stating that there now would be a "fixed monthly charge" of \$24.62. Our bill was for \$27.03. Bills I received for two months just prior to the rate change were for \$14.94 and \$15.92.

We live in a condo building which has a furnace and boiler which produce radiator heat. The only gas we use is for our gas stove for cooking. Hot water is supplied by a central water heater. We pay for heat and hot water through our monthly condo assessment. I don't understand how MGE can justify an arbitrary charge no matter how much gas is used and in our case (and the case of others) doubling our gas bills.

Now MGE has proposed another rate increase. Would the Commission consider rectifying this inequity in its decision on the current rate increase request?

Regards,

Frank Spurlock