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To whom it may concern;

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Keystone would like to express their feelings on the possibility of the utility rates increasing in 2010.

We feel that if our residential's in Keystone use approximately 600kwh per month they will see an approximately a net increase of \$17.99 per month in their utility bill. This will affect our resident's budgets as well as the rising costs associated with groceries, gasoline and other fundamental needs.

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Keystone understand the need to increase the utility rates ,but feel that the rate hikes should come in smaller increments for the customers. This would give our residents who are on a fixed income time to adjust their budgets.

Respectfully yours

Raymond French, Board President

