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If the PUC is truly in the business of consumer protection it will deny BHP&L's request for a 25% rate increase. In these troubling economic times how can they even think of such a request. They had a 7% rate increase in 2005 and now are asking for another one!

With property taxes at an all time high, jobs scarce, grocery prices climbing the average consumer is havng trouble meeting monthly bills. BHP&L need to join the real world and not engage in consumer abuse.

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