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I'm trying to make this concise so that it can be read easily and considered in your discussions. Big businesses are already submitting their protest - (nothing if the big guys lose they'll pass it on to their consumers - U.S.


Plant cost should be recovered by increased business - ergo present customers shouldn't pay it all - IF AT ALL!

Fixed income people (such as me) no increase in income - we retired with budget knowledge. Our living expenses keep increasing - Health Insurance up 20% - prescriptions too, Car gas - food prices - TV cable (not a necessity?) - telephone including fees and taxes - Real estate taxes up from ~~\$~~ \$1,000 to \$2,000 in two years. We have no choice in electricity companies,  
electric

I bought the all electric home  
for lots of reasons (clear, silent,  
reasonable) - cannot change that!  
So how can a rate increase  
in utilities be justified? BHP  
bought off more than they  
could chew? They didn't  
"budget" their money when  
they built the new plant??

Help us - or at least explain  
to us why this is being done!

Sincerely,  
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