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Subject: [EXT] rate increase

My husband and I along with many others I'm sure were not happy to hear that Ecel energy is planning another huge rate increase. Please do not allow this!!! We live near the substation in Lennox and many times a crew or maybe several will pull up sit in their trucks and kill time until quitting time. Or you'll see 2 or 3 trucks and crews at a work site with maybe a couple guys working and the rest just standing around? Not sure how people are supposed to afford this when we're already dealing with increased grocery prices, taxes etc.

My social security isn't going as far as it used to.

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