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Subject: [EXT] Docket EL26-003

Dear Commissioners;

- I personally object to this rate increase request of about 25.4% to a residential customer or a 25.1% total revenue increase
- I am on a fixed income and can not afford this increase
- This seems to be a reactive business decision and not a proactive business decision directly affecting it's customers
- I don't consider this a "reasonable" rate increase
- I am asking the commission to suspend the proposed increase and hold a public hearing on this request

I appreciate your due diligence in this matter and thank you in advance for your consideration of my objection.

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