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There is no proper justification for this rate increase. The claim made to the public on UGI's February 8 press release is that it would fund the ongoing improvements; however, our bills already have a charge dedicated to Electric System Improvement.

The press release also cites UGI's plan to create EV charging infrastructure and DCFC charging stations within its service territory. This should have nothing to do with the rate increase to its electricity customers. The funds to expand their market to EV charging stations need to come from the capital of UGI inc., not be wrung from the public. This move, which in any other company would rely on funding from investors, will profit the corporation in the long run, yet it is being used to justify forcing customers to pay more for a basic utility, the vast majority of whom will not benefit from the EV infrastructure in the near future. Surely the customers' fees won't decrease once the infrastructure is built and improvements are made, but UGI will benefit from the increased fees as well as the increased profits from their new market.

In addition to there being unfair justification for this increase, the increase is being applied to a delivery or distribution charge, which leaves customers with no choice but to pay it – by shopping for a cheaper generation charge, we cannot avoid this change in fee, as UGI is the only available distributor of electricity. When the unavoidable distribution fee is creeping up to be more than half of the generation fee, as it was in my April bill, it is significantly impacting the “competitive” market.

Laura Recene

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I am against the rate change because I don't think it takes into account the customers of UGI. I don't feel the customers are their first priority. This rate increase benefits UGI more than the customers.

People are suffering under COVID, and the customers shouldn't be paying more for UGI to expand their business model or cover their COVID costs. UGI is a utility and should be putting their money towards things that benefit the most customers. The customers never receive discounts or any benefit from these price increases.

The charge should not be applied to the distribution/delivery charge because no matter what company we go with, we cannot avoid this charge. This isn't fair because UGI claims they are the cheapest rate (which they are per kwh but they become expensive with the distribution charge.)

Industries should not be getting a decrease while consumers, (who are already suffering from financial troubles) are being charged more.

I hope that the court takes into account the reasons for the increase and how it will affect the people who make just enough to not be included in the programs that help people with electricity bills.

Lee Galazin

