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Wayne Gardner, Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Gardner:

I am writing regarding PPL's recent request to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for a rate increase in monthly residential customer distribution charges.

On January 1, 2010, the generation fee increased on average 30 percent, when the Commonwealth's electric market deregulated. Many elderly and other residents on fixed incomes are having a difficult time covering the first rate increase. These residents as well as many others will have an even more difficult time paying this additional increase, which is terribly excessive.

I am disappointed that PPL, a company that experienced the highest sales growth of any electric utility in the nation last year at 29.4 percent, is requesting the rate increase at the expense of Pennsylvania citizens. This latest increase, if approved by the PUC, would negatively affect the pockets of all PPL residential customers, including those who switched to another supplier. The increase will be an added benefit to the pockets of PPL stakeholders.

As State Representative, representing many customers who utilize PPL services, I do not support this increase, especially in light the difficult economic and budgetary times our residents are facing. These fiscal issues are going to continue to demand careful consideration for years to come by residents and utility providers.

Finally, all across the Commonwealth we must cut, invest wisely, and tap resources that do not adversely affect working families. We have an obligation to our residents, to provide services at a fair and respectable price utilizes their dollars in the most efficient and effective manner.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the PUC reject PPL's request. The commission must protect consumers from unwarranted fee increases at a time when residents are struggling to get by and provide for their families.

Again, thank you for your time and attention to this matter. In the meantime, if you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact my office. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

*Mike Hanna*

State Representative  
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