

Sara Kyle - Decoupling Plan

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To whom it may concern:

For years I have been told that I need to make my home more energy efficient. One of the benefits of doing this was to lower my utility bills. Now I learn that my gas company plans to charge me MORE for using LESS.

This is absurd and will NOT provide incentive to be efficient. Quite the contrary, if I can get more gas for a cheaper price, I have no incentive to NOT set my thermostat to 85 degrees during the winter.

Since this is basically a monopoly (I can't get gas service anywhere else), please tell Piedmont Gas that this idea is unacceptable. I implore you to disapprove this plan. If Piedmont feels they need to increase revenue, they should increase the rate that everyone pays. Do not unfairly penalize the people that conserve.

Sincerely,

Steve Bartlett