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To Whom It May Concern:

I have just received notice of a possible rate increase on our power service as per the commission's review process.

My husband and I are pinching our pennies in this tough economy. My job with a local school district was cut from the budget in May 2011 in compliance with State Superintendent Tom Luna's Students Come First Legislation, and with that, my health insurance and benefits. I have been applying for other positions with no success. My husband works full time at a company with no opportunity for advancement, and has been looking for a better job for several months. We purchased a modest home in May 2010 with mortgage payments we can easily afford. As per our annual account review, we will now have to pay \$40 more every month on our mortgage due to an error in the calculation of our escrow. Within the last year we have also seen an increase in our city utility bill of almost \$10.00. It seems that we are met with unexpected rate increases around every corner with every service we are billed for.

We have recently found out that we are expecting our first child in December. We have two cars (one inherited from my husband's family and one inherited from my family) that are each 16 years old and unreliable. We have been trying to save money to afford a new car (or at least a down payment on a new car) by the time our baby is born, but we are finding that we have to cut into our savings regularly, even if only a few dollars at a time.

I do not pretend to think this letter will make a difference in the commission's review process. If you need to raise rates to meet the growing costs of Rocky Mountain Power, you will. While the proposed increase will only add around \$6.00 to our current average bill, every dollar counts. I just wanted to let you know what this increase will mean to our growing family.

Thank you for your consideration,
Megan Busath