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Case 12-2637. After "Gas Choice" was implemented in the late 90's I signed up with an alternate provider. The first year or two I did better than the market, but got hammered the third year. When Dublin forced all residents into an aggregate, I opted out and again was glad I did, as my price slid while my neighbors were locked into higher rates.

I do not wish to fiddle in the commodities markets. Columbia should continue to offer regulated pricing to its customers. I believe this is the path to cheapest overall prices without the hassle and risk. It always

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has seemed like a conflict of interest to me when a gas supplier locks a customer in at a certain price -- aren't they banking on the market going the other way?

Thank you

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