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COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

I wanted to comment on the deregulation of natural gas providers. History has shown the "free market" model does not work and only benefits the companies. There is no competition for pricing when there are only five or six providers. It would end up like the gasoline industry, prices aren't attached to the fair market value because the companies get together and decide what the price of gas is going to be. There is no competition, if there were the price of gasoline would be less than two dollars per gallon. The same would happen with natural gas. The gas companies would continue to raise prices until people had to resort to burning wood again. Free market energy was what happened after WWII and it is the reason we have these regulations today. History has shown that what these companies are proposing doesn't benefit anyone but them. The price of natural gas will skyrocket if this deregulation were to happen.

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