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2 parts: Part 1. Gov. Strickland PUCO IN-TURN PUCO I disapprove of Vectren's purposed winter rates increases for natural gas delivery starting November 2008. This is unacceptable. The increase natural gas delivery rates will go from \$7 go to \$ 16.75 (+ 239%) during Nov 08 – April 09, and off months a 43% increase. This does not include the higher cost of natural gas! What is their reasoning to increase the rates other than prime usage seasons and a small coalition determined to make huge profits on a necessity of life? That goes for electricity too! The delivery rate should be based on an ethical and fair rate to delivery natural gas to the public. In addition, knowing industry, once they put these rates, they will remain or come up with another excuse for a 5% increase. Sincerely, John

Part 2: Governor Strickland, We thank you for the Homestead Reduction Act for home owners over age 65. However, last year, I and many of us over 65 in Fairborn and many throughout Ohio, had a school levy's passed that nullified their reduction of the homestead reduction I pay taxes equal to the reduction and some for our modest house. To add insult, I just received a Greene County property assessment that increased my property value by some 2400 dollars and will increase my taxes again. The state has to revamp the way counties are allowed to tax home owners based on what a home sale will produce or for replacement cost! Sound economics practices are based on the actual sale of property. Retirees are being taxed by increases from every avenue whether it is Social Security Part B, medicine, medical insurance, medical bills not covered by insurance or lowered, etc. With 5% inflation and all of the tax increases headed our way; it makes payment for necessities extremely difficult. We need the Fair Tax plan and get the tax man off our backs! We are being nicked and dined every which way. You need to look at the different ways our taxes are wasted in duplicative government's agencies; child welfare and school physiologist – we pay for them in both agencies. Sincerely, John

Response: Yes

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