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**Wisconsin Electric Power Company /  
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## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)**

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### **COMMENTS FILED ELECTRONICALLY IN**

Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas LLC, both d/b/a We Energies, for Wisconsin Electric Power Company to Increase its Electric, Natural Gas and Steam Rates and for Wisconsin Gas LLC to Increase its Natural Gas Rates

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### **Commentor Information:**

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### **Comment:**

The question I wish to raise to the Public Service Commission regarding the WE Energies rate increase is: "What measures has WE Energies taken to reduce its internal business expenses such as staff salaries, benefits, pensions, etc. in addition to payments to shareowners of the company?" Since I moved back to Wisconsin in 1988, I have never heard or read about any staff layoffs, pay freezes or reductions, pension reductions or other measures taken to reduce the cost of doing business. It seems that the utility is immune from these measures when everyone else (except government) has been forced to take them. I request that you first demand WE Energies to do this before approving a rate increase of any kind.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Terrence Bolda*

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)**

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### **Commentor Information:**

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### **Comment:**

Apparently the issue is "What is a just and reasonable update of 2011 fuel costs?" How about a reduction in the rates? According to the US Energy Information Administration, WI has the highest per kWh price for the surrounding area (IL, IN, MI and OH). Has WE ever attempted to cut back on expenses? Why do they advertise on the radio? We do not have a choice in our utility provider so there is absolutely no reason for them to advertise. How about some salary freezes for top level executives? The people subjected to WE's outrageous rates have not received salary increases, salary bonuses, ESOPs, increased dividend income; some people are lucky to even have their job. Yet WE continues to cry about needing more of our money. For What? WE needs to cut back on expenses like the rest of us; better known as budgeting. How about spending less time crying for our money and more time cutting waste?

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Cheryl Kellerhals*

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)**

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### **Commentor Information:**

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Phone: 414 327 7407

### **Comment:**

With the huge increases in costs for Gas and Electric, in addition to Sewer, Water, Garbage tipping fees, Taxes, Fees, Licenses and mandates of all kinds, it appears to be like a run away train, where nobody is representing the consumer. Or to put it another way, like: The Fox is guarding the hen house.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Keith Kichefski*

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)**

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**Submitted:** 1/6/2011 8:31:51 AM

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### **Commentor Information:**

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### **Comment:**

A rate increase again? No way!! This company is again asking for money that is NOT justified! When will you as a governing body ever stop this! I cannot think of one time you have not denied them an increase. This really is starting to stink of corruption!!!

I for one am on a fixed income. How about giving me a rate increase? Maybe the CEO of WE Energies could help me out? Heck your governing body raised our rates for him. Why not me?

Steve Koszalka  
Oak Creek, WI

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Steve Koszalka*

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)**

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: James Gibson  
Address: 3938 W Calumet Rd  
City: Brown Deer State:WI Zip:53209

### **Comment:**

I find it disconcerting that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) continues to approve rate increases for the companies doing business as We Energies. In an economy when many individuals and households are struggling to make ends meet as their income is not increasing while the costs of goods that are needed for day to day existence continue to increase. Why is the PSC not forcing We Energies to focus on cost reductions within their business to account for the identified increase instead of again passing this along to the residents of Wisconsin? Residential customers have already been forced to swallow an increase as of January 1, 2011 and now the PSC is considering another rate increase. When does this stop?

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*James Gibson*

## ***Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)***

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Edward T. Kranick  
Address: N34W29637 North Shore Dr  
City: Pewaukee State:WI Zip:53072

### **Comment:**

I hope that the PSC does what is in its name and provide a public service instead of rubber stamping this increase at a time when WE Energies is posting record profits and the people in the State are struggling. This is not good for business or the the people of WISCONSIN!!! Do the right thing PSC and deny this application!!!!!!

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Edward T. Kranick*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Tom Kranick  
Address: 1517 W. Pierce Street  
City: Milwaukee State:WI Zip:53204

### **Comment:**

I expect the PSC to do the people of Wisconsin justice by telling WE Energies that a rate increase is not in the cards and that they need to find the money elsewhere. At a time when the Point Beach credit is expiring and the businesses and citizens of this state will already see and increase in their utility rates this is not the time to allow We Energies to increase rates. They should be encouraging to decrease their rates to lure businesses to the state.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Tom Kranick*

## ***Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)***

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Bezmi Kranick  
Address: 29405 Hillcrest dr.  
City: Pewaukee State:WI Zip:53072

### **Comment:**

Please hold the cost of energie down and say no to any increase by Electric & Gas companys. Tell them to reduce the upper managment sallaries..

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Bezmi Kranick*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Bryan Calvert  
Address: N3944 Prairie Ridge Lane  
City: Helenville State:WI Zip:53137

### **Comment:**

I'd say NO to any rate hikes. If they are looking to save money, take some of the bonuses the CEO's are taking in!

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Bryan Calvert*

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)**

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Hanns Freidel  
Address: 925 South Street  
City: Racine State:WI Zip:53402

### **Comment:**

Well, this absolutely sucks! Another rate increase. NO ONE is getting raises out here. NO ONE! Yet every single utility company gets to increase their rates?! You guys will okay this rate increase just like you approved EVERY OTHER one. Because even though you are their to protect me the consumer, YOU DONT! Now do your f-ing job and let WE energies know that they can hold the line. Maybe they should cut their costs! Maybe their CEO, who makes a boat load of money, should take a pay cut! All of this is just a waste of my time, you know you're going to approve the hike, so just do it already. YOU DEADBEATS!

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Hanns Freidel*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Patricia Taylor Berg  
Address: 5842 W. Elliott Circle  
City: Milwaukee State:WI Zip:53208

### **Comment:**

Wisconsin Energies consistently pays large bonuses to it's executive staff. I am tired of funding this company's greed.

No rate hike. Too bad coal prices went up. Coal burning plants are notoriously unhealthy, not environmentally friendly, and unethical, in view of the fact technology exists to create clean energy. Granted, WE Energies wouldn't get the kind of profits if they were to move to providing electricity that is clean and affordable. Again, the greed of this monopoly annoys me completely.

Until there is an alternative organization from which to purchase gas and electricity, this company should be monitored completely by the government for the exact kind of consumer fraud they are perpetrating with this latest rate hike proposal.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Patricia Taylor Berg*

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### **Commentor Information:**

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City: Waukesha State:WI Zip:53186  
E-mail: ollieman61@yahoo.com  
Phone: 262-542-0589

### **Comment:**

I am against this rate hike. It seems that the more we try to save, WE Energies is asking for more money. We installed a new high energy efficient furnace 2 years ago along with a new air conditioner to help us save on energy costs. We use high energy lightbulbs and only use one light in our family room most times and the TV. Appliances are the rest of our electrical bill.

We are on fixed income and this is getting outrageous that WE Energies is allowed to increase rates. Most people have not had raises in years and we are on social security and have not had a cost of living raise now for 2 years.

Please do not allow them to keep raising our rates.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Bernadine Marx*

## ***Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)***

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Cindy Walker  
Address: 340 N 69th Street  
City: Wauwatosa State:WI Zip:53213

### **Comment:**

I vote NO!!!! It seems like We Energies asks for a rate increase just about every month. I can barely pay my utility bill now the way it is. Maybe some of the big shots there should take a cut in pay!

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Cindy Walker*

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)**

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Franjo Vukovic  
Address: 3437 N Pierce St.  
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E-mail: franjov2@gmail.com  
Phone: 414-640-6021

### **Comment:**

I do not feel that 1% rate hike is justified when WE Energies have turned an increasingly greater profit year after year while consumers struggle to stay above water. In a time of declining real wages, and increased inflationary costs, I find it absurd that the WE Energies is asking for another rate hike to be approved. Profits are declining across the board in all industries, and yet WE Energies continues to post record profits year after year, at the expense of the consumer who has no choice in the matter.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Franjo Vukovic*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Brian Mason  
Address: 7305 Brunn Drive  
City: Franklin State:WI Zip:53132

### **Comment:**

Tired of rate increases EVERY year. We are all struggling to make ends meet so why doesn't WE Energies do the same until times improve. They tell us to be more efficient and we do that and then they complain that they need an increase because we are using less energy. We use more and they complain it cost more to produce so they need an increase. Always an excuse. Have them restructure the Executives pay so they do not need to increase rates on the common man. Maybe try thinking outside the box and restructure thier operating expenses and become a better run company themselves.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Brian Mason*

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)**

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Tim Penisten  
Address: 1660 N Warren Ave  
City: Milwaukee State:wi Zip:53202  
E-mail: timpenisten@yahoo.com

### **Comment:**

I think it's safe to say that our country has fallen on tough times and it makes sense to think that we should all take responsibility for tightening our belts. WE Energies, however, is an institution that I and everyone else in the area is forced to do business with. Obviously there is no monopolization issue here only because there really isn't room for competition, but WE Energies needs to act with a social conscience and recognize that they have their consumers cornered. I am a 7 year veteran public school teacher and due to budget cuts I have taken close to a 20% paycut. I simply cannot afford to give any more than I already am. For instance, all of my expenses have been covered for the first half of January, but I've needed to use my food budget to cover my energy bills. So, I can either be comfortable in my own home (62 degrees in the winter) or I can eat. I've chosen "heat" over real food and I manage to get by on about 3 dollars a day for food.

Please keep in mind that I have a master's degree and I am gainfully employed, but many of your customers are not as fortunate as I am. Please leave the rates alone - they are barely manageable as is. We've all had to take losses in this economy and WE Energies should be forced to share our misfortune in these universally tough times. Thank you for your consideration.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Tim Penisten*

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)**

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Submitted: 1/6/2011 12:15:06 PM

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Kate Sullivan  
Address: 655 N Holden St  
City: Port Washington State:WI Zip:53074  
E-mail: klsullivan33@gmail.com

### **Comment:**

Dear Sir/Madame -

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed rate increase being considered by WE Energies.

Fiscally speaking, the last few years have caused many households to operate on slimmer margins and have likewise encouraged businesses to find ways to improve efficiency and cut costs. I would like to think that WE Energies, having the interests of its customer base in mind, has exhausted all other options to confront the increasing cost of coal transportation. I would like to hear about WE Energies effort to actively pushed back on these transportation costs. Certainly the company ought to have some leverage as a large client of the coal industry. Are there multiple transportation options that if opened up to a competitive bid would result in a decrease in rates?

Ultimately, if a rate increase passed on to consumers is the last option, I would at least like to think that WE Energies would explain to its Wisconsin customers the steps it took to prevent this and/or the other options that were explored.

Regards  
Kate Sullivan

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Kate Sullivan*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Walter Mirk  
Address: 804 Richards Ave  
City: Watertown State:WI Zip:53094  
E-mail: wamcp70@sbcglobal.net

### **Comment:**

I have yet to see any account anywhere that disputes the fact that there currently is a nationwide natural gas glut (as in gluttonous)! Once again (within one year) WE [are massively greedy] Energies is seeking a rate increase! Please tell them NO!! Perhaps the CEO, Board of Directors and stockholders can join pensioners and working people across Wisconsin in belt-tightening.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Walter Mirk*

## Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)

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5-UR-104

### Commentor Information:

Name: Ryan Strankowski  
Address: 8313 N 105th St  
City: Milwaukee State:WI Zip:53224  
Phone: 414-750-5664

### Comment:

To whom it may concern,

I find it down right ridiculous you ask for a rate increase AGAIN! Within the last couple of years it has been pounded into our heads to reduce the amount of energy we use in all forms. We did that, and we got hit with an increase in rates. Now you are asking for another rate increase in a down economy while i read articles stating record profits recorded by WE Energies and its affiliates. Why should we have to shoulder this again? I already struggle to pay all my bills on time and do my duty by reducing energy consumption. Why am i being penalized for doing the right thing. Because you want our money to fuel your pensions and retirement funds. I am not able to put much into a retirement fund when i am dishing all my money for utilities.

Wisconsin is already hard enough to live in with all the taxes here, you are just adding fuel to the fire. I have already started to consider moving out of the state i have lived in for 30 years, and WE Energies does nothing to help on their end.

I am begging you to not increase the rates and give us a break. Maybe some cuts on your end are due instead of just passing the buck to the consumer. Just because we have no options doesn't mean you should abuse it. Take a look at the top earners in the company, i have a feeling they get by a lot better than an average citizen working two jobs trying to pay bills. I challenge them to live a year, heck, a month on my salary with my normal bills and see how much they would prefer a rate increase. I'll take their pay and pension for that time period and we'll talk at the end and see what justable cause they come up with.

STOP THE INCREASES AT EVERY CHANCE YOU GET. JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH MURDER DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD!

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Ryan Strankowski*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Margaret Powers  
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City: Greenfield State:WI Zip:53220  
E-mail: margaret.1.powers@gmail.com

### **Comment:**

Why does WE get to consistently ask for rate increases, and be allowed rates increases, when they are reaping in huge profits as it is??? And why are they allowed increases because of inflation? I get a pay DECREASE of 3.37% per year from mandatory furlough days, and that doesn't even include the cost of living raise that I haven't seen in over 2 years!! Please don't allow WE to raise their rates again.....please don't help the rich get richer while the little guy struggles for everything we get!!! Make them realize that they should be happy they are making huge profits, they need to STOP BEING SO GREEDY!!!!!!

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Margaret Powers*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Wayne Groeber  
Address: 5655 Woodland Hills Dr.  
City: Racine State:WI Zip:53406

### **Comment:**

I have concerns about the constant increase in electricity rates in WI. Wisconsin has gone from having one of the least expensive cost per KW in the country to one of the most expensive. Publically owned businesses need to deal with inflation all the time, sometimes absorbing cost increases by reducing expenses, layoffs, or having a lower profit on the P&L. It seems that WE Energies passes every little increase on to the consumer while still reporting record profits (never losing money for the stockholders). Who would want to move to WI with high property taxes, high energy cost (gasoline & electricity), high states taxes, etc. Public Utilities need to be run like a real business, only building capacity when needed, shutting down unprofitable plants when needed, and shedding costs to maintain profits.

With all the conservation taking place (i.e. CFL bulbs), how did WE Energies miss electricity need projections and still expand the Oak Creek Plant. Should consumers pay for their mistakes? Perhaps some plants should be curtailed.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Wayne Groeber*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Tom Rotter  
Address: 225 E. Henry Clay Street #1  
City: Whitefish Bay State:WI Zip:53217

### **Comment:**

How about for ONCE the PSC stand up for consumers and not approve a rent increase? Why not have WE Energies take some of the \$41 million in "incentive pay" paid to executives and use that to offset their costs? Enough with the rate hikes already. WE Energies received rate increases (and rather large ones) over the past two years when the economy was not very good and everyone else had to tighten their belts. They get their 2010 rate increases and it comes out in the news in November 2010 that they are on track for "Record profits." They are a public utility with a monopoly. Can we go ONE year without record profits for the utility company? When was the last time they "broke even"? NEVER.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Tom Rotter*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Bonnie Zienkiewicz  
Address: 2791 N 69th Street  
City: Milwaukee State:WI Zip:53210

### **Comment:**

I can not believe that WE energies is asking for another rate increase. They continue to show a large profit so I am wondering why they need more money? People are struggling to pay the energy bills. They have taken steps to cut back and save energy and because they use less then WE comes back and asks for more money. This has to stop. They can have increases when they no longer have a large profit.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Bonnie Zienkiewicz*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Annette Virlee  
Address: N89W16061 Cleveland Ave  
City: Menomonee Falls State:WI Zip:53051

### **Comment:**

WE Energies is earning record profits. A rate hike in this economy and based on the fact that they are making money had over fist and paying it out in bonuses is a slap in the face to the consumers who have no other option for power. Please stand by the consumer and DO NOT pass/approve another rate increase for WE Energies. Thank you.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Annette Virlee*

## ***Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)***

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Tim Spettel  
Address: 5472 Silver Lake Drive  
City: West Bend State:WI Zip:53095

### **Comment:**

Here's the typical process we have become used to:

1. WE Energies asks for a rate increase.
2. WE Energies gets a rate increase.
3. WE Energies tells consumers to reduce usage to reduce rates.
4. We consumers reduce usage.
5. WE Energies asks for another rate increase, citing lower usage by consumers.

How can we know that WE Energies is actually not overpaying it's workers? I would think there are more efficiencies that could be gained though streamlining procedures and getting creative. I am tired of this game.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Tim Spettel*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Vickie Smith  
Address: 101 Christopher Drive Apt 10  
City: North Prairie State:WI Zip:53153  
E-mail: vickielynn33@hotmail.com

### **Comment:**

I think it is crazy that you are going to attempt to rise the rates again. I know several ways to cut costs so that doesn't happen. STOP sending me mail on the how to reduce my electrical bill and not waste electric. I rather have the 44 cent stamp and the cost for marketing materials to straight towards my electric bill rather than you tell me how to save money.

I also think the FREE annual Christmas Cookie Book should go as well. Right there I saved myself mostly \$3.00 dollars. Times that by the number of WE energy customers and you'll have TONS off money.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Vickie Smith*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Brenda Kozinski  
Address: 1531 W. Larkspur Lane  
City: River Hills State:WI Zip:53217  
E-mail: bkozinski@wi.rr.com

### **Comment:**

I oppose WE Energies idea to raise their electric and natural gas rates. Since I do not have another company to switch to, I would hope the people running WE Energies could seriously look inside their company and figure out how to make it more efficient and more profitable without raising rates.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Brenda Kozinski*

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5-UR-104

### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Bill Rheingans  
Address: w268n5967 Mountain Meadows Dr  
City: Sussex State:WI Zip:53089  
E-mail: wrheingans@wi.rr.com  
Phone: 262-538-1607

### **Comment:**

Enough is enough. You (PSC Commission) needs to stop WE from increasing our rates once again.

I continue to breach to my family on energy conservation and reduction of use. I monitor and have reduced my heating consumption. I'm constantly turning out lights and unplugging appliances, and yet WE continues to increase our cost of usage. My usage has gone down, yet the costs have gone up and WE has record profits. Something is wrong here.....

The company I work at is constantly looking at ways to decrease our costs through internal measures, NOT pushing the increased costs to the customer. If we did that, we would not have a business. WE needs to do the same. I'm currently the Quality Systems/Process Improvement Coordinator and would I enjoy sharing my experience and abilities in process improvement (to reduce costs and satisfy the customer) with WE if given the chance. Lean processes is the direction that WE (and PSC) need to take.

Finally, you (PSC), do your job! Do what's right for the Wisconsin resident, not the company greed. If this continues (WE increases), I will do everything in my power to remove and replace all PSC members.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Bill Rheingans*

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)**

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Donald Van Ert  
Address: 2815 E. Oklahoma Avenue  
City: Milwaukee State:Wisconsin Zip:53207  
E-mail: dvanert@att.net  
Phone: 4147477544

### **Comment:**

Since WE Energies is a monopoly I expect them to be regulated to the point that when they have profits those are used for their future costs and that rate hikes to users are kept at a minimum unless truly necessary. When there are profits and at the same time rate increases are sought I have a problem with that.

I have no problems with 'well regulated' monopolies which are run for the good of their service area. That is where the PSC comes in. Not however on a cozy long term relationship level with WE Energies. Understand I am not accusing you of that however long term relationships can unintentionally tend to become that .

I have friends in other parts of the US who have options as to who they buy gas and electric from. Why is that not the case here? It is another option if WE Energies can not be regulated satisfactorily.

Regards,

Don Van Ert

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Donald Van Ert*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Langston Verdin  
Address: 8301 W Burleigh Street  
City: Milwaukee State:WI Zip:53222

### **Comment:**

This is absolutely insane. From a November Journal Sentinel news article, WE is making record profits, but now they ask for another rate increase? THIS HAPPENS EVERY YEAR!!!! When this happens, already cash strapped Wisconsinites will simply lower the thermostats. Every year I cut back on my gas and electrical usage and every year my bill is higher and higher because of rate increases. Why are we responsible for paying for the cost to run the new power plant??? "We" don't own it WE does. It is their responsibility not ours! It is not our responsibility to continue to bail them out. They need to tighten there belts like every other American business!!!!

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Langston Verdin*

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5-UR-104

### **Commentor Information:**

Name: SCHRANK  
Address: 3326 SILVER LAKE DR  
City: WEST BEND State:WI Zip:53095

### **Comment:**

We have lowered our usage, can we energies go on year without asking for an increase? Can the PSC go one year without giving them an increase? The average american has had to tighten their belts and so should WE Energies. The \$41 million in incentive pay could be kept.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*SCHRANK*

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)**

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Darin A. Poole  
Address: 1329-A North 32nd Street  
City: Milwaukee State:WI Zip:53203

### **Comment:**

Deny the rate increase in full. How in good conscious grant any rate increase. WE Energies has made record profits this year. But again, when has the PSC ever deniued a rate increase. I have monitered the requested increase request over that last 20 years are so, and I see an alarming trend. The PSC will generally grant half of what is being requested. It is my opinion that the folks from WE Energies are smart enough to know that as well. So if they really want a 5% increase, they know they better ask for 10%. If you think I am wrong--check the record--facts don't lie.

Deny the rate increase outright---at some point in time WE Energies is going to have to do like the rest of us, and tightne upo their boot straps.

It is time that you do what you name implies and Serve the Public, not the greed of WE Energies.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Darin A. Poole*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Jamie McNaughtan  
Address: 2000 Miller Street Unit A  
City: West Bend State:WI Zip:53095  
E-mail: jlmcnaughtan@rocketmail.com

### **Comment:**

We Energies having to raise rates AGAIN is absurd. I live in a two bedroom condo, similar layout as an apartment. My electric bill is the same as family members with 3 bedroom homes with many more square feet. I went over with family members on their electricity habits and usage. My usage is not even comparable, yet my bill is around the same price as theirs. As We Energies would say, " You are paying for outside lights or hall lights ". The answer to that is, NO. There is a separate bill for those usages. Now, what is the explanation ? There is not one.

My electric bill never seems to be consistent either. I unplugged many appliances that We Energies " claims " still draws electricity even when not in use. I put most on power strips. I have purchased many energy efficient appliances and items. I regulate my heating temp to their figures that supposedly cuts costs. I replaced all my bulbs with energy saving bulbs. I used my air three times this past summer, and I turn off lights or dim lights often. Those where just a few of my efforts.

Any and all my efforts seemed to not change anything, but a higher bill or a very inconsistent one. Before my efforts of cutting energy costs, my bill was cheaper. Can anyone explain that ? Probably not. I spend more money trying to cut energy costs. The result was useless.

According to We Energies, my average temp in my home last winter was around 22 and my average time in the summer was 80 plus degrees. First off, I would like to know how they come up with those temps ? Secondly, interesting enough as hot as my home was in the summer and how cold my home was in the winter according to We Energies, my bill seems to be the same costs.

How about a fraud investigator check out all my bills from where I have all lived and see if they make sense or even provide an explanation. I think all We Energies customers bills need to be evaluated.

I feel We Energies is price gouging, ripping customers off, and they know they can do this because there is not a competitor. We should be offered a choice and not have to be subjected to being robbed.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Jamie McNaughtan*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Pedro Rodriguez  
Address: 833 Evert St.  
City: Pewaukee State:WI Zip:53072  
E-mail: pedrorodd@yahoo.com

### **Comment:**

I don't have a problem with We Energies personally. What I do have a problem with is the company, which already makes millions upon millions for it's shareholders, asking for a rate hike in these economic times. Their CEO and Board of Directors make way too much money as it is. Seeing as Wisconsin consumers have no choice from whom they can purchase electric and gas service from, there is no reason to justify a rate hile at this time. Those in charge of this company should be ashamed of themselves for even thinking this.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Pedro Rodriguez*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Ronald Gaulke  
Address: 1101 Revere Drive  
City: Oconomowoc State:WI Zip:53066  
E-mail: ronjudd2@yahoo.com  
Phone: 262-567-4202

### **Comment:**

Where are these excessive utility increases going to end? Social Security recipients have had no increase in our monthly checks in the past two years, how can we be expected to keep up with these unreasonable increased rates? Why don't we establish a freeze in utility rates until we can also get increases?

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Ronald Gaulke*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Tricia Larson  
Address: 1823 Windrush Drive  
City: Grafton State:WI Zip:53024

### **Comment:**

I am interested to know the number of times WE Energies has requested rate increases for its customers just within the last few years. It is always the same issue that costs have gone up in one area and they now need to increase rates to make up for it. In a down economy, it amazes me each quarter when earnings are released and the energy companies are always making huge profits. Everyone else is suffering and trying to make it through, yet WE Energies somehow manages to always make big profits. Other companies need to cut costs and even after that end up at a loss. Not WE Energies though. They just keep on digging further into the pockets of customers who have no where else to turn for their energy needs. Maybe instead of simply turning a blind eye to the situation, the government could take a look into how it is the this utility company has essentially become a monopoly. If customers had a choice in where they got their energy from, they wouldn't be going to WE Energies and maybe then those in charge at that company would understand what it means to do well in business to keep your customers or lose them. Then they would have to fight to keep their profits alive as well. Instead many are unable to pay their bills and end up having heat turned off. Those who are able to pay bills, end up with large increases and are forced to pay extra on top of that to help pay the bills of others. How about making this a true competition. Let others in the market to provide energy to customers. And finally say NO for once to the insulting requests from WE Energies to raise rates on everyone in Wisconsin for the upteenth time.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Tricia Larson*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Guanyuan Jin  
Address: 18340 High Meadow Dr  
City: Brookfield State:WI Zip:53045

### **Comment:**

I vote against this rate increase because there is already enough rate increases and we don't need another one. We never get raises every year from our job, we should not allow WE to hike rate every year, sometimes 2-3x a year.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Guanyuan Jin*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Earl Schlueter  
Address: 5508 S. Honey Creek Dr.  
City: Milwaukee State:WI Zip:53221  
E-mail: yugyups@yahoo.com  
Phone: 414-817-9695

### **Comment:**

NO rate increase! I can't afford it!

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Earl Schlueter*

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)**

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5-UR-104

### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Jim Krull  
Address: 19750 West Hickory Trail  
City: New Berlin State:WI Zip:53146  
E-mail: jim.krull@mac.com

### **Comment:**

I don't understand how a "private" monopoly with no competition can ask for a rate increase every time things don't go their way. I think the board should look at what compensation is paid to the management (which is crazy) and have them take a pay cut, it is the same as asking the consumer for rate increases, our money could go to other things for our families. I don't understand the argument that since there is less use (which we are pressured to do) that they need more money to make up for it. Why not downsize like other businesses would have/had to do? Another thing I don't agree with is why they have an advertising budget. If this company's first commitment is to its shareholders, then maybe they should be asking money from them. I have no choice as to where I get my energy, but you have the choice to make it fair.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Jim Krull*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: State Rep. Zepnick 9th Assembly District  
Address: 3173 S. 49th Street  
City: Milwaukee State:WI Zip:53219

### **Comment:**

For immediate release: Contact Josh Zepnick

January 6, 2011 608-266-1707

State Rep. Zepnick urges PSC to keep financially-strapped residential customers in mind when reviewing WE Energies rate increase request.

Milwaukee - Today State Representative Zepnick (D-Milwaukee) submitted testimony to the Public Service Commission (PSC) Hearing regarding the WE Energies rate increase.

"Given the fragile economy, high unemployment in the City of Milwaukee, and underemployment...WE Energies residential customers are simply in no position to absorb rate increases (directly or indirectly)," stated Rep. Zepnick.

"The sad reality in Wisconsin is that we are way overcapacity with our energy infrastructure with large amounts of electricity available and no one buying it."

"Some of this is due to weak demand in the economy, but even with signs of a rebound in manufacturing, it is not clear the PSC has been managing the supply side of the equation properly. Now is the perfect time for Wisconsin to redouble its efforts in promoting energy conservation programs, alternative and renewable sources, and effective oversight of infrastructure development or retiring older facilities."

Zepnick is the Ranking Democrat, of the Assembly Energy and Utilities Committee and represents the Ninth Assembly District on Milwaukee's South Side.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*State Rep. Zepnick 9th Assembly District*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: George A. Rucich  
Address: 7145 E. Wind Lake Rd.  
City: Wind Lake State:WI Zip:53185  
E-mail: Garuski@aol.com

### **Comment:**

I think another rate hike for WE Energies is unwarranted and ridiculous. The People of Milwaukee and surrounding areas have been subjected to this far to many times already. Furthermore they have been forced to tighten their belts , therefore why shouldn't WE Energies have to also? Although I'm sure they will get a 5 to 10 percent increase next year!

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*George A. Rucich*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: J. Bosl  
Address: 4204 S 68th St  
City: Greenfield State:WI Zip:53220

### **Comment:**

They should not be able to raise rates - this is getting to the point of ridiculous - consumers have been spending money to upgrade their appliances to more energy efficient, we are turning off our un-needed power to save resources and to switch to more energy efficient lites, furnaces, hot water heaters, etc. for what. The more the customer spends to reduce their cost and energy - We energies raises rates to cover the amount that the consumer is trying to save so they can pay their exuberant salaries of their executives. Why do they not need to reduce their salaries/costs to save money?

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*J. Bosl*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Melissa Kreuziger  
Address: N9568 Horseshoe Lane  
City: Mukwonago State:Wi Zip:53149  
Phone: 2623635523

### **Comment:**

Please don't raise our rates.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Melissa Kreuziger*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Mark Hochschild  
Address: 2344 E Oklahoma Ave  
City: Milwaukee State:WI Zip:53207

### **Comment:**

Until WE Energies can show they are actively looking to reduce expenditures through active cost controls, including controlling the high wages paid to people at the top (and the lack of significant increases given to actively employed and retired employees), there should be no consideration of any rate hikes by the Public Service Commission). And if the PSC continues to grant carte blanche rate hikes, maybe the members of the commission should be replaced by people more interested in the welfare of the rate-paying multitude as opposed to the shareholder-serving utilities.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Mark Hochschild*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Greg Bareta  
Address: W291S6750 E Woods Ct  
City: Mukwonago State:WI Zip:53149

### **Comment:**

As a former employee of the former Wisconsin Electric Power Company for approximately 9 years I can attest to the wasteful spending by both employees and management when it comes to attendance at industry conferences and company meetings. Lavish food was always served at every meeting (breakfast, lunch, mid-afternoon snacks); the best/most expensive high-end hotels were always where the conferences and company meetings were held. - I imagine it hasn't changed much. Maybe WE Energies should look at cutting expenses before raising rates!

I also know that employees on average make more money and have better benefits than the average American worker with the same education level. It is popular to bash the government workers for their wages and benefits; the power company workers make way more and have better benefits than any comparable state worker!

Before raising rates the power company employees should have to take furlough days and the executive/general employee bonuses should be cut.

Everyone is hurting in this economy; maybe it's time We Energies shared the pain! Now is not the time to raise rates, people are having enough problems making ends meet.

Maybe it's time to let the free market forces take over and allow other utilities provide electric/gas service to the state utilities captive customers.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Greg Bareta*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Janice C Seeboth  
Address: 324 e van Norman Ave  
City: Milwaukee State:wi Zip:53207

### **Comment:**

No more rate increases. It is time for WE Energies to work within its income, rate increases to pay for the Oak Creek Coal plant failures is absurd and perhaps bordering on illegal. Recent History questions WE Energies ability to be a business with integrity for the citizens of Wisconsin.

" State utility regulators are investigating whether the company earned more than it was authorized to earn in 2008 and 2009."

"Should bonuses paid to management be considered an expense for purposes of determining the profit?"

"Residential customers' bills are set to rise by more than 4%" already in 2011 when heating costs have been extreme and summer cooling was costly but profitable to WE Energies

2009 "Residential customers alone will see an increase of about 8%"

I live alone and my electricity bill is out of control - I am not home 10hrs per day, sleep for 8hrs, 4hrs of regular activities, shut off appliances via power strips, in the summer I am outside in the evenings, barely running anything and no matter how I cut back my bill goes from \$20 to \$30 to \$50 to \$60 - no better services are received and then I am asked to pay more for a coal plant that is likely going to increase my risk of lung disease! A coal plant with expenses that WE Energies just does not want to cover.

I have not had a raise in more than 2years, it is time for US businesses and management to suck it up, no more "bonuses" for doing their jobs, no more increases when people can't even cut back on use with it 0 degrees out or 95 degrees outside. WE Energies manage your expenses better and stop making it look like you will just keep increasing rates so you can be as expensive as all these other utilities you advertise about, brag about lower rates and keeping them that way by running the business properly! No more rate increases for 2 years - this is robbery of the worse kind!

Janice

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Janice C Seeboth*

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### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Barb Eckert  
Address: 432 S 92nd St  
City: Milwaukee State:WI Zip:53214-1253

### **Comment:**

I just don't understand the Executive Pay situation being what it is. They are a regulated State monopoly. The exec's don't need to be paid on the scale of an international business.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Barb Eckert*

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)**

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Submitted: 1/6/2011 9:30:06 PM

### **COMMENTS FILED ELECTRONICALLY IN**

Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas LLC, both d/b/a We Energies, for Wisconsin Electric Power Company to Increase its Electric, Natural Gas and Steam Rates and for Wisconsin Gas LLC to Increase its Natural Gas Rates

5-UR-104

### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Michelle Schulpius  
Address: 1778 Washington Ave  
City: Cedarburg State:WI Zip:53012  
E-mail: mschulpius@yahoo.com

### **Comment:**

I am against any rate hikes to us from WE Energies. The salary the higher ups at WE Energy make are absurd. Also, why does WE Energies need to advertise on radio and TV, it is not like we have a choice, there is no "healthy" competition. I can't remember the last time I got a raise nor my husband. So whose pockets are we lining??? Highway robbery that is what I call it.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Michelle Schulpius*

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)**

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5-UR-104

### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Not happy  
Address: We customer  
City: Hartland State:wi Zip:53029

### **Comment:**

A few years ago when the prices for natural gas went extremely high We Energies asked for and were granted rate increases; but prices fell sharply back after that, from some research I did on the web, to 2002-2003 prices. However, even with the price for natural gas being low they still asked for and were granted rate increases. This time it was for employee pensions, etc, etc. Now, the price for natural gas seems to have dropped (well head price Jan. 2010 \$5.14, Oct. 201 \$3.51), and once again they are asking for rate increases.

When are these rate increases going to end? The raw material prices go down, but they want more. Tell them to cut their costs, stop wasting money, stop advertising, cut pensions, cut wages, whatever. I have to tighten my belt; I am getting furloughed almost every month, wage decreases in other months just to keep my job. I haven't received a raise in several years, but WE Employees seem to get all the increases they want, at our expense. We don't have any more to give, but they just keep on taking. If you are actually want to protect the public, please put your foot down. No more!!!

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Not happy*

## Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)

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5-UR-104

#### Commentor Information:

Name: Craig Butler  
Address: 567 HIGH KNOLL DR  
City: CEDARBURG State:89 Zip:53012  
E-mail: cbutler3@wi.rr.com  
Phone: 2623771046

#### Comment:

I am very disappointed that other companies and or government are asked to take cost cutting measures and yet I cannot recall when WE Energies has ever been turned down for a rate increase. That appears to create growing resentment from the public to question why the PSC even exists in the first place.

Today I received a phone call from WE Energies to tell me they reviewed my usage and billing history and to watch for changes in my next bill. My first thought was there is going to be a rate increase and I then have to ask why am I, as a customer, receiving such notifications when there doesn't appear to be any need or benefit to me as the customer to justify the cost for that service.

I realize the cost in setting up and making such a call is likely very small in comparison to other cost saving possibilities, but I wanted to mention this to see if before rate increases are granted, these companies should be required to demonstrate how their funds are being used and what cost savings measures have been taken to justify any more rate increases.

I can't ask my employer for an increase in my pay when the price of gas goes up and utility rates never go down as the cost of fuel fluctuates so this doesn't appear to be fair to the consumer.

Thank You,

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Craig Butler*

## ***Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)***

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**Submitted:** 1/6/2011 11:37:27 PM

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5-UR-104

### **Commentor Information:**

Name: joleen cvikel  
Address: 3623 arbor rd  
City: waterford State:wi Zip:53185  
E-mail: immbrian@gmail.com  
Phone: 4148102216

### **Comment:**

Rates are high enough...please reconsider raising the prices. We work so hard to pay today's rate's. ..

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*joleen cvikel*

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)**

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**Submitted:** 1/7/2011 12:06:04 AM

### **COMMENTS FILED ELECTRONICALLY IN**

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5-UR-104

### **Commentor Information:**

Name: Winnie Tengbom  
Address: 2234 N. 67th Street  
City: Wauwatosa State:WI Zip:53213

### **Comment:**

Instead of the year after year requests for rate increases and how we should conserve, I would like to hear something about what WE Energies does to keep expenses and rates down. Are they taking ANY cost cutting measures that may keep the cost to consumers from rising in times where a very large number of us are struggling to just keep our homes? We hear a lot in financial reporting that business is producing more with less staff. This is something for WE energies to consider. It has of course cost many their jobs, but I have not heard of large lay-offs at WE Energies.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Winnie Tengbom*

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)**

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**Submitted:** 1/10/2011 12:10:38 PM

### **COMMENTS FILED ELECTRONICALLY IN**

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5-UR-104

### **Commentor Information:**

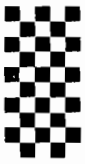
Name: mark mutziger  
Address: 234 E Reservoir Ave  
City: Milwaukee State:wi Zip:53212

### **Comment:**

I would ask the PSC reject We Energies request for a rate increase. The record profits of WE should be enough to keep rates flat for just 1 year in this tough economic time. The pay for executives at WE is also very high. I slight pay cut for some of those executives, which is what the normal person in America is experiencing these days, would be enough to cover the increase. I would be ashamed to ask for a raise at my job since I consider myself lucky just to have one.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*mark mutziger*



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January 5, 2011

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN  
610 N. Whitney Way,  
Madison, Wisconsin  
Fax: (608) 266-3957

**Docket 05-UR-104 Comments**

It is our opinion based on research including Wisconsin Stats Section 196.03(1) Utilities charges and service, that the utilities charges for service are not now "reasonable or just" and should be declared "unlawful". A 15% increase for business rates in these economic times is obscene.

The utilities are licensed by the state as a monopoly to provide the best and lowest price service to the rate payers and should not be paying executives any more than the governor of this state and certainly should not be giving "bonuses" of millions of dollars to them. They are not a "for profit" organization and should not be paying shareholders more than 10% as guaranteed by the state.

Moreover, *they should be fined for making poor decisions* concerning coal fired plants, causing the particle pollution to be higher than the Federal limit for over three years. In fact, there is a particle pollution warning for Southeastern Wisconsin in effect right now. This is not new, as the Clean Air Act of 1970 and the information on "Minuscule Airborne particles linked to an assortment of human ailments" was published in the Journal Sentinel on Tuesday, April 8, 2003.

On a personal note, I have been on oxygen for the past year as I was

diagnosed with lung cancer. On sunny days there is a haze in our area which is obviously particle pollution and certainly not good for a runner. My insurance has been paying for my treatment but I believe the utility executives should be doing that as their decisions for the past ten years have been deliberately negligent and criminal.

The money they received as executive salaries could have paid for a state-of-the-art wind farms on the Niagara Escarpment, the area bordering the western coast of Lake Michigan. The wind is free and the turbines in use now such as those installed by Nordex near Green Bay are very efficient and designed for our climate.

The turbines installed by the utilities on low wind areas with less efficient turbines are not a good example of the best that turbines can do, and the rate payers are bearing the high cost of those errors in judgment.

Please for the sake of the rate payers and those living in the areas affected by particle pollution; discipline the executives of WE Energy and lower the rates.

In the interest of the State of Wisconsin and as an appraiser, I am

J. V. Kuhn  
President



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Handwritten notes: "Molecular Sciences" and "4A TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2003"

DR. NARID: Particles are higher than the legal limit in my area - so I need oxygen at night to combat lung cancer

# Minuscule airborne particles linked to an assortment of human ailments

Particles are so small they easily bypass body's defense mechanisms, researchers say

By GARY POLAROVIC  
Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles — A team of researchers has discovered that microscopic airborne particles can disrupt the inner mechanics of cells, offering a possible explanation of how air pollutants common in urban haze can harm the human body.

The new study, led by scientists at the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Southern California, links the most minuscule particles found in dust and smoke to injuries. The particles are so small — about 1,000 could fit inside the dot of an i in this sentence — that they easily bypass the body's defense mechanisms.

The latest findings also are the first to show that very tiny particles travel beyond the lungs and bloodstream to penetrate deep inside cells. The pollutant accumulates within a critical component that powers the cell and maintains its function. Damage to that cellular component is known to lead to an assortment of diseases.

The study is scheduled to be published in the next issue of the journal Environmental Health Perspectives, a publication of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, and is currently available on the journal's Web site.

### Haze over cities

Researchers have long known that haze over major cities causes a wide range of health problems. Numerous

studies worldwide have linked particle pollution to school absences, hospital admissions, shortened life spans, reduced lung function, heart disease and cancer. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency established rigorous standards for curbing particle pollution in 1987. The agency estimates that those rules will prevent 15,000 premature deaths, 350,000 cases of asthma and 1 million cases of lung problems in children.

Particulate matter hangs the sky gray with sooty haze, looking visible. It consists of microscopic bits, ranging from pulverized wire fragments and diesel soot to acid droplets, and is measured in microns, a unit equivalent to a millionth of an inch. A human hair is about 50 microns across.

Currently, environmental regulations try to limit particles that are 10 microns in diameter and smaller particles in the 2.5-micron range. But the particles that caused the most damage in the new study were one-third of a micron across.

Dust and smoke are made of particles of about 10 microns. The smallest particles come mainly from burning fossil fuels. Those tiny particles float in the air longer, travel farther and

are more easily inhaled than larger ones.

In their study, the team of 10 scientists collected particles in various sizes from air above the Los Angeles area between November 2001 and March 2002. The pollution was concentrated, put into a solution and added to two types of cells.

The researchers found that when the particles come in contact with the cells, they trigger a reaction that causes inflammation. That may help explain how particle pollution exacerbates asthma, an inflammation of the airways.

### Work inside cells

Deeper inside the cells, researchers found that the smallest of a-micron particles accumulated inside cell structures called mitochondria. Oblong in shape, mitochondria are the workhorses of cells. They combine sugar and oxygen to produce the fuel that keeps cells running.

The study shows that the pollution damaged the shape of mitochondria, causing them to stop producing the cellular fuel and start producing other chemicals, which lead to more inflammation and cell damage.

Fernando Scaglia, a professor in the department of molecular and human genetics at Baylor College of Medicine who has read the paper, said damage to mitochondria can lead to various diseases, including Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, as well as strokes and other neurological impairment.

### PARTICLE POLLUTION

The smaller the particle, the bigger the problem. The particles that caused the most damage in the new study were one-third of a micron across.

A micron is equivalent to a millionth of an inch. By comparison, a human hair is about 50 microns across.



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**Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**  
 P.O. Box 7854  
 Madison, WI 53707-7854

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Docket No.  
 5-UR-104

Please check box if you would like to receive a copy of the Commission's decision.

Name Steve Books Date 1/6/11

Representing  Self  Employer  Organization

Street Address, Rural Route Number or PO Box  
211 S. 2nd St.

City, State, Zip Mount Aoreh, WI 53572 E-Mail Address BOOKS 24U @ AOL.COM

Telephone Number (608) 437-5478 Do you wish to testify?  Yes  No  Undecided

Signature Steve J. Books

January 6, 2011

To: Wisconsin Public Service Commission

From: Steve Books, Mount Horeb, WI

Subject: Docket 5-UR-104 Comments, Rate increase request by We Energies for electricity, natural gas, and steam, and Wisconsin Gas LLC for natural gas rates.

Dear Wisconsin Public Service Commission:

Good evening. My Name is Steve Books from Mount Horeb, WI. My local utility is Mount Horeb Utilities. I'm asking you to deny, totally, the We Energies request for an increase in its electricity rates. With Madison Gas & Electric already having a 2.3 % increase won due to an 8 % ownership of the new Oak Creek facility, the MG&E rate hike is clearly enough to pay for the new facility, making MG&E customers co-owners also.

I believe that in this time of recession that this rate increase request is shameless, just as shameless as a song by Garth Brooks. I have a few concerns regarding this electrical rate increase request today. I will ask questions regarding management, electrical rate types, and excess electrical generation capacity.

Could this rate increase be nullified by better budget management by We Energies executive staff? Is We Energies top heavy in executive management and compensation at this time? How many people are currently employed through We Energies human resources department at this time? We Energies is increasing costs to local small municipalities for their water and sewer infrastructure costs to manage water pumping and waste management. So, local small towns, such as Mount Horeb, have been required to raise water rates due in part, to higher electricity costs, creating a "double dip" cost to ratepayers, first through We Energies, then from local municipalities. (Submission of PSC sheet).


Regarding residential electrical rates, does We Energies employ a rate structure such as "inverted rates" that could possibly increase revenue in a fair way based on consumption? Waverly Iowa uses an inverted rate structure during the summer months that works in two ways to increase revenue, and to increase conservation.

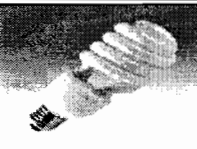
Does supply and demand matter regarding electrical generation fuel? Yes, the less demand for coal generation fuel should offer costs savings to We Energies. In an article regarding the Strategic Energy Assessment, Commissioner Lauren Azar has commented that Wisconsin has "very significant excess capacity." (Submit article). My question is, is the apparent brick on the generation accelerator being monitored, or not? How many We Energies ratepayers are on Time of Use rates? I'm on Time of Use in Mount Horeb, and have found the on-peak and off-peak rates to be beneficial.

In conclusion, as I have stated, I'm asking the PSC to deny, totally, this request, and for a final question ask how many We Energy executives does it take to ask the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for a rate increase? My final answer is - all of them.

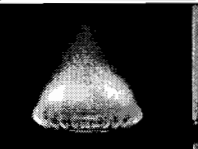
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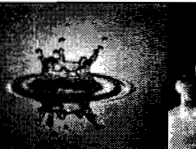
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<b>New Holstein Water Rate Increase</b> <a href="#">File a comment</a>	11/01/2010 - 12/20/2010	<a href="#">4110-WR-1</a>
<b>Pipeline Safety Code</b> <a href="#">File a comment</a>	10/29/2010 - 12/21/2010	<a href="#">1-AC-214</a>
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<b>Proposed revisions to water service rules in ch. PSC 185</b> <a href="#">File a comment</a>	09/01/2010 - 12/01/2011	<a href="#">1-AC-234</a>
<b>Renewable Resource Credit Rule Revisions after 2009 Wisconsin Act 406</b> <a href="#">File a comment</a>	12/16/2010 - 03/01/2011	<a href="#">1-AC-234</a>
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<b>Slinger Water Utility for Authority to Increase Water Rates</b> <a href="#">File a comment</a>	08/24/2010 - 01/19/2011	<a href="#">5510-WR-1</a>
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# MT HOREB ELECTRIC UTILITY

Computation of Electric Bill

Date 12/20/10

Service From: 11/2/10 To: 12/1/10

Customer: Stone Books

Account. \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Charge:

\$ 7.00

## ENERGY CHARGES

(22%) On Peak kWh	<u>31</u>	X \$0.1557 per kWh =	\$ <u>4.83</u>
(78%) Off Peak kWh	<u>109</u>	X \$0.0548 per kWh =	\$ <u>5.97</u>
Total	<u>140</u>	Total Energy Charge	\$ <u>10.80</u>

Monthly Cost Adj Rate 0.0097 kWhrs Used 140 \$ 1.36

Sub-Total \$ 19.16

Public Benefits Fee \$ 0.23  
on \$ 19.16

TOTAL CHARGES: \$ 19.39

TAX: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL 19.39

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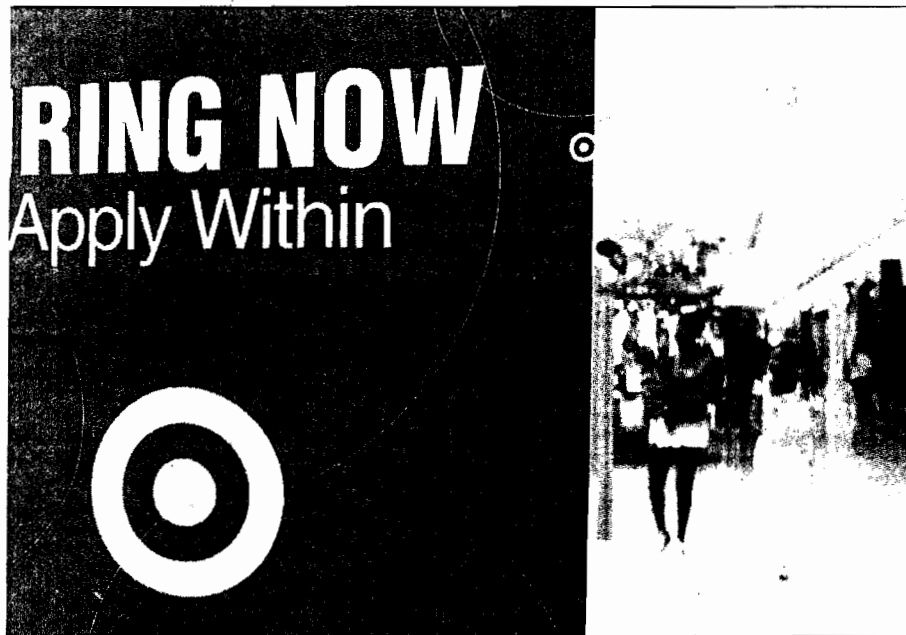
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TOURISTS TO MOUNT HIBBER'S DOWN-  
town area and to Dane County  
overall," Fitzgerald said.

Dow closes at its highest mark since May 3



BEN MARGOT - Associated Press

advertises for employment in Daly City, Calif. Retailers are reporting they plan to hire more tempo-  
rers this season than last year, emboldened by several months of sales gains and a slowly improv-  
e Institute for Supply Management said Tuesday that its service-sector index rose last month to  
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far faster than analysts were  
expecting. The ISM's measure  
of service companies encom-  
passes a wide range of indus-  
tries including finance, health  
care and trade.

It was the ninth straight  
month of expansion in service  
businesses, which have been  
growing at a slower pace in  
the U.S. relative to the much  
smaller manufacturing sector.

Traders are also hoping to get  
more positive news from the  
beginning of corporate earn-  
ings reports this week and from  
another key economic indica-  
tor, the Labor Department's  
monthly jobs survey on Friday.  
PepsiCo and Alcoa report re-  
sults on Thursday.

The Dow Jones industrial av-

erage rose 193.45 points, or 1.8  
percent, to close at 10,944.72,  
its highest close since May 3  
and its biggest gain since Sept.  
24. The Dow is still 2.3 percent  
below its 2010 high reached on  
April 26, and is up 5 percent for  
the year so far.

All but one of the 30 com-  
panies that make up the aver-  
age rose, led by Boeing Co. and  
Bank of America Corp. Ameri-  
can Express Co. fell again, a day  
after the company said it would  
fight an antitrust lawsuit, even  
after Visa and MasterCard set-  
tled similar suits.

The Standard & Poor's 500  
index rose 23.72, or 2.1 percent,  
to 1,160.75. The index broke  
through 1,150, a level it hadn't  
traded above since mid-May.  
Robert Pavlik, chief market  
strategist at Banyan Partners  
in New York, cited another fac-  
tor in the upward swing: Even  
when stocks have fallen lately,  
the S&P 500 has managed to  
stay above 1,130, a key techni-  
cal barrier that it had broken  
through on Sept. 20.

## Report describes energy challenges

The recession has cut  
projections for future  
electricity needs.

Wisconsin has more electricity  
than it needs, thanks to a buildup  
of generation and the effects of  
the recession, but getting power  
to customers is "an ongoing chal-  
lenge," a new report says.

The recession has dramatically  
cut projections for future en-  
ergy needs, according to a draft  
version of the Strategic Energy  
Assessment,  
a review con-  
ducted every  
two years by  
the Wisconsin  
Public Service  
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### ON THE WEB

[psc.wi.gov/  
hotTopics/  
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Peak en-  
ergy demand is  
now expected to grow 1 percent a  
year statewide between 2011 and  
2016, a sharp drop from projected  
annual increases of 2.1 percent in  
the 2008 report.

In individual comments, com-  
missioner Lauren Azar said the  
recent phase of adding power  
generation has been "prudent"  
but coupled with the recession,  
Wisconsin has "very significant  
(and potentially expensive) ex-  
cess capacity." Azar repeated her  
call for the Legislature to give the  
PSC more authority for long-  
term, comprehensive energy  
planning.

The draft report, which will  
be open for public comment un-  
til Jan. 7, also said Wisconsin is  
"well on its way" toward getting  
10 percent of its electricity from  
renewable sources by 2015.

- Judy Newman

ns consumers: Bag too loud

## COMPLAINT NARRATIVE

**Complainant: DALEY, NANCY**

**Responsible Employee: Wagner James**

Narrative for Complaint: 131319

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**Narrative:** The length of the narrative is 690 characters. The maximum is 32,000 characters.

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8/6/2010

**INFORMATION FROM WEB:**

Utility Name: WE Energies

Are you subject to disconnection? No

Disconnection Date: Not Entered

Have you contacted the utility regarding this issue? Yes

Date you contacted utility: 7/2010

Person you talked to at the utility: customer service rep

**TEXT FROM THE WEB:**

Rates and fees are at all time HIGH....while the economy is at a LOW. It was published last week that WE Energy earnings are up 39%!!!! This is price gouging and we hope you can help lower rates.

My thanks for your work to keep things in balance for the consumer.

**COMPLAINT NARRATIVE**

**Complainant: BARNEY, THOMAS**

**Responsible Employee: Wagner James**

Narrative for Complaint: 132557

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**Narrative:** The length of the narrative is 1,340 characters. The maximum is 32,000 characters.

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9/29/2010

INFORMATION FROM WEB:

Utility Name: We Energies

Are you subject to disconnection? No

Disconnection Date: Not Entered

Have you contacted the utility regarding this issue? Yes

Date you contacted utility: 09-28-2010

Person you talked to at the utility: I left a voicemail with Trish in the advertising d

TEXT FROM THE WEB:

I received a notice from We Energies that they have filed a request with you (PSCW) for a rate increase in 2011. I request that you completely deny this request for the following reason. My estimation is that We Energies spends hundreds of thousands of dollars per year on advertisement and sponsorship of other companies in the community. Sponsorship of companies, (Milwaukee Brewers and Bucks come to mind right now), as well as radio and TV advertisement is a misuse of spending because We Energies has no direct competition in the market. Sponsorship and advertisements are meant to get customers to respond one way rather than another. In the case of We Energies, there is no competition, they have a completely monopoly in the markets they serve. I feel that they should not be allowed to spending money on that type of marketing and in-turn, return that money to their customers in the form of lower rates.

## COMPLAINT NARRATIVE

**Complainant: NOWELL, JAMES**

**Responsible Employee: Wagner James**

Narrative for Complaint: 132637

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10/4/2010 WONG, PETER

Csr objects to We Energies proposal rate increase of 1.4% increase in electric rates, Docket No. 05-UR-104. Csr upset Gale Klappa, CEO of WE ENERGIES, had his pay increase from \$9.4 million to \$11.5 million last year, a 22% pay raise. Suggested PSC order CEO to give back the pay raises to the rate payer.

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10/4/2010 WONG, PETER

The above narrative and the following text was emailed to Mary McIlwee, PSC

Mary,

Please review and assign.

Peter

**COMPLAINT NARRATIVE****Complainant: ALDINGER, JOAN****Responsible Employee: Wagner James**

Narrative for Complaint: 132627

**Narrative: The length of the narrative is 1,015 characters. The maximum is 32,000 characters.**-----  
10/4/2010

## INFORMATION FROM WEB:

Utility Name: we energies

Are you subject to disconnection? No

Disconnection Date: Not Entered

Have you contacted the utility regarding this issue? Yes

Date you contacted utility: 09/27/2010

Person you talked to at the utility: Unknown

## TEXT FROM THE WEB:

I am against a Wisconsin Electric rate increase AGAIN. We had a huge increase this year and last year too. We are only two people living in our household and even with energy efficient appliances and careful usage our bill is still outrageous. I can't imagine how large families can afford lights.

When I called 800-242-9137 to inquire about this increase request, the girl I talked to did not know why nor was she aware of the insert. She thought it was going to increase because they are going green. I asked her what that meant and she didn't know.

Please advice!

Joan Aldinger

**COMPLAINT NARRATIVE****Complainant: STUIBER, PENELOPE****Responsible Employee: Wagner James**Narrative for Complaint: 132738

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10/7/2010

## INFORMATION FROM WEB:

Utility Name: WE Energies

Are you subject to disconnection? No

Disconnection Date: Not Entered

Have you contacted the utility regarding this issue? No

Date you contacted utility: Not Entered

Person you talked to at the utility: Not Entered

## TEXT FROM THE WEB:

We were informed of a possible rate hike for our city in yesterday's newspaper. This is very distressing due to the raising prices of gas and the resulting higher food and other item prices and the loss of jobs throughout the nation. Our city has many elderly people on fixed incomes as well as people raising families with fixed incomes as well, and I can't believe that with all the rate hikes for fuel that now the electric prices are going to be raised. This increase is going to hurt a lot people in our community who have had prices increased in so many areas and many of them probably have electric heat. I know one family who had no choice but to keep their heat at 60 degrees, and their children were constantly sick and not well rested for school. Please stop this increase and find other ways to make up for budget deficits besides punishing the people who need this service. If your industry wants fewer disconnections, then the resource needs to be priced where people can afford it.

I do NOT give permission for this to be published.

**COMPLAINT NARRATIVE****Complainant: KUYKENDALL, MICHAEL****Responsible Employee: Wagner James**

Narrative for Complaint: 133529

**Narrative: The length of the narrative is 2,348 characters. The maximum is 32,000 characters.**-----  
11/22/2010

## INFORMATION FROM WEB:

Utility Name: We Energies

Are you subject to disconnection? No

Disconnection Date: Not Entered

Have you contacted the utility regarding this issue? No

Date you contacted utility: Not Entered

Person you talked to at the utility: Not Entered

## TEXT FROM THE WEB:

Dear Sir or Madam

It has come to my attention again that We Energies is going to ask you again for a rate hike. When are you going to think about all the people that must have this power to survive. We Energies has made Multi million dollar profits every year now, while myself and everyone else must take pay cuts, get laid off of work, pay more for health care cost, or just losing your job. I work in the worst parts of the city where people don't pay their power bill because they have to eat, then when summer comes they get turned off. Then these people go out and buy a generator so they can have power to live, and then they die because of poor ventilation. This is unacceptable to our community. I feel We Energies is responsible for the death of every person because of those actions. What has to happen, to us as a whole till you tell them no more, work with what you got. I know when I was in school it was illegal to have a monopoly over our power source WE Energies is just that. I feel that if us in general as the public is not getting a raise why should they. I have lost money my mother has been laid off 2 hours per week, my aunt lost her job all together for downsizing. When are you going to fight for us, when are you going to stick up for us, when are you going to have the will power to say NO to We Energies and tell them you are going to have to operate with what you make. If they are making hundreds of millions in pure profit there is no reason for a rate hike. They can use those funds to do what they got to do. We as a whole have not seen them take any cuts, in pay, health benefits, or anything. It's time for you to be on our side, the people. I urge you please please think of us this next time in January when We Energies say we need a rate hike and tell them nope not this time, the people of Wisconsin need a brake. All I am asking is to think of all of us who are losing our jobs money and our lives. Thank you

## COMPLAINT NARRATIVE

**Complainant: ROEPKE, DAVID**

**Responsible Employee: Wagner James**

Narrative for Complaint: 133528

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11/22/2010

INFORMATION FROM WEB:

Utility Name: WE Energies

Are you subject to disconnection? No

Disconnection Date: Not Entered

Have you contacted the utility regarding this issue? No

Date you contacted utility: Not Entered

Person you talked to at the utility: Not Entered

TEXT FROM THE WEB:

My energy expenses are increasing. Since you allow energy companies to raise their rates so they can continue to make substantial profits, I was wondering if you could enable my disability payments to increase so I can continue to pay my energy bills?

Sincerely,

David Roepke

**COMPLAINT NARRATIVE****Complainant: GRZESIAK, MICHAEL****Responsible Employee: Wagner James**Narrative for Complaint: 133653

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12/6/2010

## INFORMATION FROM WEB:

Utility Name: WE Energies

Are you subject to disconnection? No

Disconnection Date: Not Entered

Have you contacted the utility regarding this issue? No

Date you contacted utility: Not Entered

Person you talked to at the utility: Not Entered

## TEXT FROM THE WEB:

Electric utility executives want their extremely unjustified multi-million dollar bonuses legally considered "business expenses" which would be paid through energy bills. This is a huge red flag and must not be approved. Please stand up for the public.

Utilities are monopolies have no competition. They can legally rob the consumers who have no other option. The board of directors of these utilities inherently flawed and represent their interests over the public`s, and always vote to increase CEO pay in hope they will be in that position one day. There is little accountability and no end in sight for insanely excessive compensation.

The current system is flawed and must be reformed. If this is a PUBLIC utility, the rate increases should be for rising costs, not to make the rich richer during very hard economic times. The PSC constantly approves increases but must place conditions on these approvals in the form of no extravagant salaries.

Please do a better job in the future.

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## COMPLAINT NARRATIVE

**Complainant: VANDENBERG, KEITH**

**Responsible Employee: Wagner James**

Narrative for Complaint: 133655

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12/6/2010

INFORMATION FROM WEB:

Utility Name: WE Energies

Are you subject to disconnection? No

Disconnection Date: Not Entered

Have you contacted the utility regarding this issue? No

Date you contacted utility: Not Entered

Person you talked to at the utility: Not Entered

TEXT FROM THE WEB:

I can't understand how any company can raise prices. Can't afford to pay more for anything my pay raise was very small this year and no raise last year 2009, we can't handle any more increases.

Thanks,

Keith Vandenberg

**COMPLAINT NARRATIVE****Complainant: SCHMIDT, KIM****Responsible Employee: Wagner James**Narrative for Complaint: 133654

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12/6/2010

## INFORMATION FROM WEB:

Utility Name: WE Energies 6630-FR-102

Are you subject to disconnection? No

Disconnection Date: Not Entered

Have you contacted the utility regarding this issue? No

Date you contacted utility: Not Entered

Person you talked to at the utility: Not Entered

## TEXT FROM THE WEB:

Hello,  
There is a planned rate increase. What have they truly done to effectively manage rates and efficient costs. I have conserved, and all I get are higher bills from all utility type businesses. It has to end as all people are doing with less, except the utility companies. Another increase, more conservation, less rates to collect, more rate increases, and the cycle continues. Cut out all the fat, then talk rates. Maybe we should be given options and abilities to find other sources for energy. I know a neighboring community pays less. Why is that, less management over seeing a well run utility that can find ways to do it better with less. Everyone has tightened their belts, the proposed increase is not a belt tightening. Maybe we should be given an opportunity to tie into the neighboring grid. When that happens, rates drop as competition forces action. Utilities are mismanaged around the state, so clean it up now! Vote no for another increase that only pads the pockets of those looking busy to keep their jobs. Start finding ways to cut, not increase.  
Kim

## COMPLAINT NARRATIVE

**Complainant: GLINIECKI, JOHN**

**Responsible Employee: Wagner James**

Narrative for Complaint: 133735

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12/14/2010

INFORMATION FROM WEB:

Utility Name: WE

Are you subject to disconnection? No

Disconnection Date: Not Entered

Have you contacted the utility regarding this issue? No

Date you contacted utility: Not Entered

Person you talked to at the utility: Not Entered

TEXT FROM THE WEB:

I would like to comment on the proposed rate increases to WE. I am opposed to any rate increase for the purposes of giving dividends to share holders or to give bonuses to executive employees. I keep reading about the new found abundance of natural gas in the US but our rates do not go down, in fact they go up. When we sacrifice by reducing electrical use or turn the thermostat down to save on gas we continue to get punished because usage is down so their income is down, well then do like everyone else and cut back wages, benefits and start firing people.