



Montgomery County Delegation
House of Representatives
 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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As Montgomery County State Representatives, we join our neighboring colleagues in staunchly opposing PECO’s proposed electric and gas increase that would affect over 2 million residents in southeastern Pennsylvania. PECO’s formal request was submitted to the Pennsylvania Utility Commission. If approved, it would increase residential electric bills by \$20.08 per month (12.5%) and natural gas bills by \$14.52 per month (11.4%) beginning next year.

While residents of Pennsylvania are concerned over grocery costs, finding affordable healthcare and the rising price to fill their gas tanks, these proposed increases are unacceptable. Many Pennsylvanians are already stretched thin from prior utility rate increases.

We have not seen preparation at the federal level for the impact of export prices on the domestic price of oil and gas. War in Iran, pipelines to the Delaware River ports, and poor forecasting of energy capacity futures should not lead to utilities like PECO passing those costs directly onto our residents. It’s time to push back.

This move by PECO to pass the costs of current and potential energy demands on the system onto the customers must be rejected. House Bill 1834 passed in the Pennsylvania House last week. If enacted, it will hold data centers responsible to pay for their own electricity. Every customer is already feeling the impact of increased rates thanks to the pressure on the electricity grid. There must be no tolerance for the inflation of bottom lines by PECO while Pennsylvanians are caught in the middle of federal situations and corporate problems we didn’t create.

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