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Dear Folks,

As you likely know, NH Gas has increased its gas prices this season from \$1.6785 to \$2.0981 (+25%) and has petitioned to raise its prices to \$2.535 (+21%---cumulatively, +51%).

We have a number of rental properties in the Keene area, and these increases are putting a tremendous strain on occupants (many of whom are elderly or students). As you know, there are no real alternatives in this market area, and we are dependent on you folks to hold down the penurious pricing of this monopoly.

Surely, you must expect this business to bear part or most of the burden of these price increases vs. maintaining their normal and historic pricing and profit margins.

Otherwise, break this monopoly as you have so prudently done with electricity.

Rich Kalich