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Wrong-minded

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Kit Carson Electric is looking to raise rates again. This is not unreasonable. Its last increase was in 2010, but, once again, the bulk of the proposed increase is directed towards residential users and those who use the least energy. Some heavy commercial users will actually see a decrease in rates.

This is the opposite of what it should be. Residential customers on fixed incomes have few options to absorb the increase while business do. And if customers try to cut back by installing LED bulbs or green appliances, they are punished because the less they use the more of the increase burden they will bear.

If you use less than 250 kWh per month the proposed increase is 41.38 percent while if you use 2000 kWh/ month it's 6 percent! These increases punish conservation. I can't think of anything more wrong-minded.

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