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## WLABPublic: Electric rate hike

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**Mary Kate P** <songbirdpoetry2@gmail.com>  
To: wlabpublic@como.gov

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Dear Water & Light Board,

It is my hope that you will stop the continued increase in the base charge and ideally roll it back. The current structure unfairly penalizes low-income people and those who use less electricity.

Why do we now have a \$22 base charge for electricity when no comparable town in Missouri has a base charge anywhere near that high? Ameren (in St. Louis?) charges \$9. Why should we foot the bill through our electric rates to help pay for a water treatment plant? I support the Columbia Fair Rates Coalitions alternative proposal for electric rates structure.

I would attend your upcoming meeting, but I have to work.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

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Columbia, Missouri