

Please advise me of where I can find information on the immediate increase this month to \$12.31. I understood that I had an approved Columbia rate of \$9.70 through December 2005 while I consider other options. Can Columbia request and get approval for such a large increase effective October 27, 2005?

I believe that Columbia is reacting to spiked natural gas rates due to fears of Hurricane damage. Even though natural gas prices will rise this winter, it will not be at an extended rate of the temporary hike due to disruption fears. The natural gas production can be back to normal flow by October 27, 2005.

Please pare down and delay the inflated Columbia Gas request before the PSC.

Thanks,

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