

Senate Select Committee On Electricity Prices

To The Committee,

Submission from interested individual.

I have retained my power bills back approx. 10 years, and am sending through to you to highlight the increase in cost.

We are absolutely livid, and recently participated in 'One Big Switch', with our provider due to change from Country Energy to Tru Energy about now. We have been with Country Energy for as long as I can remember, way back to when there was a monopoly in the market.

Anyway, we are a family of 6 (2 parents & 4 teenage children), living in a standard size modest home in Port Macquarie NSW, do not have a pool or air conditioning (nothing out of the ordinary).

We use gas for our heating. We endeavour to minimise electricity use at every opportunity.

We installed Solar Hot Water in Feb. 2009.

We yesterday received our latest electricity bill from Country Energy being \$1,287.00 for 97 days (3 mths), up 22 % on previous bill @ 15/06/12, which I believe can in the main be attributed to Carbon Tax which commenced 01/07/12.

Below is information relating to increased charges over the years, and I have tried to compare 'apples with apples' by choosing bills in the same period of the year, as well as comparing power usage amounts. However, at times in the past the bills only covered a 2 month period, therefore, I have had to extrapolate out to annually, for a true comparison:-

<u>Date Bill issued:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>Days:</u>	<u>Kwh</u>
<u>Units:</u>	<u>Avg. cost per unit:</u>	<u>Equiv. Amount Per Annum:</u>	
19/09/2012 units (per day)	\$ 1,287.00 avg.\$ 0.31c per unit \$ 13.27 per day	97 days \$ 4,842.83 per annum	4,152 43 units per day
16/09/2010 units (per day)	\$ 902.04 avg.\$ 0.22c per unit \$ 9.11 per day	99 days \$ 3,325.51 per annum	4,058 41 units per day
05/08/2008 units (per day)	\$ 448.98 avg.\$ 0.15c per unit \$ 7.36 per day	61 days \$ 2,686.40 per annum	3,060 50 units per day
07/09/2007 units (per day)	\$ 633.59 avg.\$ 0.14c per unit \$ 7.04 per day	90 days \$ 2,569.60 per annum	4,460 49 units per day

13/10/2006 units (per day)	\$ 161.25 avg.\$ 0.14c per unit \$ 5.20 per day	31 days \$ 1,898.73 per annum	1,082 35 units per day
12/09/2005 units (per day)	\$ 575.75 avg.\$ 0.13c per unit \$ 6.19 per day	93 days \$ 2,259.66 per annum	4,434 48 units per day
23/09/2004 units (per day)	\$ 424.12 avg.\$ 0.12c per unit \$ 6.52 per day	64 days \$ 2,381.62 per annum	3,571 55 units per day
16/07/2003 units (per day)	\$ 317.86 avg.\$ 0.11c per unit \$ 5.21 per day	61 days \$ 1,902.01 per annum	3,012 49 units per day

Based on the above calculations, our electricity has increased per annum as follows:-

2010 to 2012: 146% of what it was (2 yrs)

2007 to 2012: 188% of what it was (5 yrs)

2003 to 2012: 255% of what it was (9 yrs)

If you require confirmation of this information, I can send copies of the power bills at your request.

Thanks

Regards
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