



**Our Position**

- ME Energies – Rate payer Affordability over shareholder profits.
- ME Energies - I can produce my own power.
- ME Energies - a affordable energy for me.

The Commission should consider the adverse impacts on low-income affordability when balancing ratepayer and investor interests in establishing an equity return.

**Our Perspective**

The Commission should endorse the implementation of an affordability rate.

- Total gas and electric bills should not exceed 6% of household income for income-qualified customers.
- Low-Income Forgiveness Tool (LIFT) programs should be incorporated into WEPCO’s permanent tariffs.

**Our Intention**

- Geo-targeting initiative), protocol established in the Consumers Energy settlement.
- Targeted Electrification Pilot Programs in Milwaukee energy burdened zip codes and census tracts.
- 100% increase in utility Weatherization + Electrification – LEAD (whole home resilience approach) investments by 2023.
- 3rd Party Solar
- Community Solar

The Commission should assign the question of what might constitute the most appropriate bill affordability program structure for WEPCO to a collaborative process for consideration in the Company’s next base rate case.

In this current "rate adjustment" process, the energy affordability and efficiency data for low-income and BIPOC ratepayers will reveal a lack of targeted place-based capital investment by the utility in this customer class. "Redlining" clean energy through policy producing insuperable disparities created by inequitable "rate design" especially when examined by race, zip code and census tract.



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