

**Subject:** re proposed increase in electricity prices

To whom it may concern

I am writing to express my concern in regards to the proposed 20% price increase on domestic electricity consumers.

It is not 2 years since there was a 49.75% increase on the service availability charge (1st July 2007). At the time i thought that this was excessive.

It seems to me that this is a necessary commodity and it is an open slather (That IPART is supposed to control) just to be able to rise prices as the energy companies will. I thought that for price rises such as the above you had to have a case with some merit to achieve such a rise, if you think the above percentages have such a case could you please advise who presents them so we can get them to assist us pensioners for our next increase in the pension so we can pay our electricity bills.

Concerned Pensioner