

As our legislature formulates changes to the oversight of the MDC, I ask that you review the history of Non-Member Town surcharges.

The latest increase is not the only one in recent years. My July 15, 2011 invoice assessed the NMT Surcharge for 3 months at \$13.17. In 2012, the 3 month surcharge was \$39.54, an increase of 200%. For 2013, the 3 month surcharge increased to \$105.75. That is a 700% increase from July, 2011, a period of two years. For the full year of 2013, the surcharge change from 2012 increased each household bill by \$265. Relative to July of 2011, the total increase is significantly more.

It is important to note that over the same two year period (July, 2011 to 2013), the quarterly Customer Service Charge increased from \$15.30 to \$40.44, an increase of 164%.

Given the dramatic changes in MDC charges, the legislative remedy that is currently under review does not go far enough. Other utilities have to go through extensive review and oversight before rate increases, of a much smaller scale, are approved. MDC's rate changes clearly indicate the need to require PURA or other approval. As a non-member town resident, I hope that our state legislature will strengthen this proposed legislation to prevent future unchecked rate and surcharge increases and to undo the damage already in place.

Respectfully submitted,
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