## **BGE GAS DELIVERY RATES ARE RISING**

January bills are particularly alarming because BGE has substantially increased its delivery rates.

Your BGE bill combines the costs of gas and electricity, plus charges for the delivery costs for each. **BGE delivery rates are directly tied to increased spending by BGE which increases your bills and its profits.** 

Gas delivery rate increases hurt us most in winter, when we use gas for heating our homes, but that's no excuse for outrageous rates.

BGE has an obligation to provide safe, affordable, and reliable energy to all its customers.

- Since 2010 gas delivery rates increased by 246%, about triple the inflation rate.
- Since 2010 BGE profits have tripled from \$147million to \$527 million in 2024.

## **BGE SPENDING AND PROFITS ARE RISING**

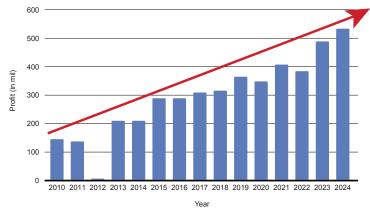
The more BGE spends, the larger its opportunity to profit. This creates a powerful incentive for wasteful spending and it's up to our legislators and utility regulators to keep a careful watch.

BGE has spent \$1.4 billion on its gas pipeline replacement program in the last decade. Customers pay for all of that spending in our rates, plus utility profits.

This spending has not improved safety. BGE's hazardous leaks per year have increased from 3,000 in 2014 to over 4,000 in 2023.

Washington Gas' rates have grown at about the rate of inflation since 2010, and today its customers pay 46 cents/therm — less than half of BGE's rates (90 cents/therm) — for essentially the same service.

## **BGE ANNUAL PROFITS 2010-2024**



## A FEW MORE NOTES

- 1. Not in BGE territory? You should still be concerned. BGE and Columbia Gas have been the most aggressive in their spending and have seen rates triple. And if legislators don't intervene, Washington Gas and their customers will likely be next.
- 2. The EmPOWER surcharge has increased this year. The EmPOWER program funds energy efficiency programs that help lower energy use and bills. BGE customers can access EmPOWER rebates and incentives for home weatherization and efficient appliances.
- 3. Since 2010, electric delivery rates have increased by 92% - about twice the inflation rate. There are similar concerns about BGE overspending driving those increases and we need our state leaders to intervene.
- 4. Gas supply costs have gone up 24% since last winter, but are still far less than delivery, and fluctuation is common. Electric supply rates have stayed the same, but will rise this summer.







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