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*Could you afford a...*

**40% INCREASE**  
in your electric bill?

***If not, contact Congress NOW!***

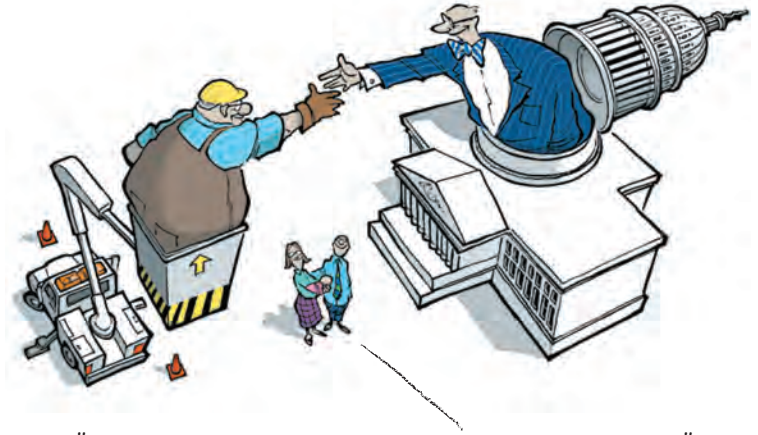
# This year, Congress is expected to vote on legislation that will increase energy costs for families and businesses.

Proposals being considered would require the nation's electric utilities to increase renewable energy resources and pay a tax on carbon emissions. If these measures pass as currently written, **your electric rates could increase by 40 percent or more.**

BEMC and our statewide organization (NCEMC) are working with members of Congress to help ensure they get this right, but it's important for you—the consumer—to tell your Congressional representatives to remember the folks back home as they vote on energy-related legislation.

*It's time for you to join us in telling Congress...*

**Cost does matter!**



*"This is the kind of connection we need."*



**We've made it easy for you to contact Congress.**

Simply log onto [www.FindABalancedSolution.com](http://www.FindABalancedSolution.com).

The website gives you simple ways to contact your Representative.

Or, if you prefer to use your phone, dial toll-free:

**1-877-40BALANCE** (1-877-40-225-2623).

A recorded voice will tell you how to be connected to your Representative's office.

*See back for suggested dialogue.*

## Suggested Dialogue for Your Phone Call to Congress

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm calling from \_\_\_\_\_  
(your city or town).

I'm calling today to ask you to consider my family's budget, as well as others back home, as you and your colleagues begin crafting and reviewing energy legislation. I believe that you can create a comprehensive energy policy that keeps electricity affordable, and I need you to know that rising energy costs have a major impact on my life.

Can I count on Rep./Sen. \_\_\_\_\_ to find a balanced solution to energy legislation?

*Listen for response*

### **If you wish to make additional points, consider these:**

- Please guarantee that your constituents will continue to receive reliable and affordable electricity. Remember that what may be affordable by Washington D.C. standards may not be affordable to me.
- There are regional differences in renewable energy resources, and I ask that you share any costs equitably across all geographic regions. Please don't punish some regions, like the Southeast, for its lack of renewable resources.
- Allow diversity in power supply fuels, including renewable energy, clean coal, and nuclear energy. Also remember that energy efficiency is an important component of any power supply mix.
- Accelerate the most critical technological research and development to help ease costs to consumers in the long run.