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Thoughts on Leaving the Board of Directors of the GEPB

I'm not upset about leaving, this was something I didn't like doing but I needed to do.

Glasgow is not a wealthy town filled with wealthy citizens. The average household income is said to be about 28 thousand a year. We have a lot of citizens that are retired, fixed income, & on social security. Most of those working are working at minimum wage, the fact that those less fortunate were paying more per kilowatt hour than I, did bothered me.

Dumping higher costs of power on those that could least afford it, is not fair and I don't think anyone should want that.

This plant was bought and paid for by the citizens of this town who wanted a better deal on their electric prices. It's my view that the customers of this plant own it and they should share any benefits equally.

Since I participating or voting after today there are some items, for those remaining or will come in the future, I would recommend.

Base rate:

TVA indicated its gradualism would allow the residential base rate to be lowered further this year. I would like to see it dropped down to about \$15 per month consistent with SCRTC. A low base rate helps keep the price per kilowatt the same for everyone,

Internet Security:

I recommend the Internet and computer security be audited and the email security enhanced. I don't know about others, but I'm certain at times my personal email was breached.

Community relief:

I would recommend the 50 thousand a year contribution to the community relief be continued with regular auditing to make sure it is correct amount and only going to our customers who find themselves in desperate conditions and need it. This about the only way we can handle this problem fairly.

Rates:

I would hope the board never returns to timed, demand, or multiple rates for residential customers.

Having some people pay different rates for the same product, no matter how altruistically or thoughtfully intended, breaks the community into groups that soon resent each other.

This then exposes the board to a political seesaw and public derision and is a guarantee of disaster.

Getting and keeping good people on the board and in in charge of the plant requires stability and a lack of conflict, no one of substance wants to work in an environment like that. The people really needed to participate and contribute in making this plant effective for Glasgow won't come.

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