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Attention to Committees #Mnleg  
House Climate and Energy Finance & Policy [Committee](#)  
To the care of [mike.molzahn@house.mn](mailto:mike.molzahn@house.mn)

**Written testimony**

For March 17th 2021 / bills HF2216, HF1135, HF2216 about gas price spikes handling

Dear Mike,

I noticed the meeting tomorrow afternoon 6PM Wednesday March 17th meeting of the House Climate and Energy Finance & Policy [Committee](#)

[https://www.leg.mn.gov/cal?type=single&mtgid=h\\_31811](https://www.leg.mn.gov/cal?type=single&mtgid=h_31811)

HF2216 (Long) - Municipal utilities paying unusually high prices for natural gas in February 2021 loan program established, program established to defray high natural gas bills from February 2021 price spike for low-income households, and money appropriated.

HF1135 (Bierman) - Gas utility infrastructure cost recovery sunset eliminated.

\*Bills may be added to the agenda

\*\* HF2216 has been introduced and replaced the HFXXX / BE072.

There is an **additional risk of higher gas** bills because of other 2 bills that members might not be aware of because bills went through other committees.

Bills [HF72 / SF149](#) are already in the general orders or pretending to pass in **finance** omnibus bills **and entail serious additional threats in terms of home bills for heating, additional to the increase from recent price hikes.**

[HF72 / SF149](#) want to put clocks of Minnesotans under DST during the winter. That would make house colder when people get up leading to higher gas consumption and heating bills.

**Bills HF72 / SF149 should be stopped and replaced by new bills** keeping Minnesotans year-round under natural standard time (natural time 365)

**#naturaltime365 bills** would decrease consumption from heating during the Spring and Fall and help alleviate the payers of gas bills.

My testimony against HF72 on Feb 4th 2021

[https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/docs/OVi1FrDoIESUOYaaQy\\_G4g.pdf](https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/docs/OVi1FrDoIESUOYaaQy_G4g.pdf)

at

<https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/committees/minutes/92009/88728>

Included see below

**NBER/MIT study about heating and AC related to DST**

**“Summer Daylight saving increases electricity bills”**

<http://www.nber.org/papers/w14429>

Published also by Yale and MIT - <https://environment.yale.edu/kotchen/pubs/revDSTpaper.pdf>  
and Centre for Economic Policy Research.

<https://voxeu.org/article/does-daylight-saving-time-save-electricity>

**-“Daylight saving increases gasoline consumption.” cited in NYT of 2016**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/12/us/daylight-saving-time-farmers.html>

A link that is no longer live is still available as an archive here:

[https://web.archive.org/web/20180602145802if\\_/http://www.convenience.org/Media/press\\_releases/2010/pages/pr1008102.aspx#.WxKwms37Tb0](https://web.archive.org/web/20180602145802if_/http://www.convenience.org/Media/press_releases/2010/pages/pr1008102.aspx#.WxKwms37Tb0)

**DST is not good for Summer Electricity bills either:** Summer Daylight would increase air conditioning costs in Arizona

<https://ui.asu.edu/content/why-arizona-opts-out-daylight-saving-time>

**And a majority of Americans prefer standard time, contrary to misinformed statements surrounding HF72/SF149**

-AP-NORC Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research (2019), “Daylight Saving Time vs Standard Time”:

<https://apnorc.org/projects/daylight-saving-time-vs-standard-time/>

Regards,  
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