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To the Public Utilities Commission: I am a resident homeowner in the Powderhorn neighborhood of Minneapolis and a customer of Centerpoint. I am writing in support of the proposal to create a pilot program through Centerpoint Energy's billing system. While I will not benefit directly from this program, many of my neighbors could achieve lower energy bills through the proposed Pay As You Save program. And all of us will benefit from the reduced carbon emissions and system wide energy savings. However the proposal before you would benefit greatly from several modest changes: (1) eliminate the upfront \$100 charge as this will be a barrier to participation for some low-income customers and goes against the spirit of the program; (2) pursue a capital source more beneficial to customers than the 8% cost of capital proposed by Centerpoint. This is a low-risk program and deserves a low risk cost of capital.

Again please approve this Pay As You Save pilot program which has proven its effectiveness in other parts of the country. My neighbors deserve access to the same energy saving features that we have installed in our home. Thank you for taking action which can be a win-win for all of us.