Gas prices too high: Woodside

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Woodside office in Perth (ABC)

The head of Perth based gas company, Woodside has taken a swipe at residential gas charges in Western Australia.

Responding to questions at the company's Annual General Meeting, Don Voelte said customers concerned about the cost of their gas bill should direct their criticism to retail suppliers like Alinta because the price increases 7 fold by the time gas reaches households.

Mr Voelte says Woodside charges between \$1.75 and \$2.50 a gigajoule when it is sold from the North West Shelf into the Dampier to Bunbury gas pipeline.

He accepts tarrifs and distrubition rates will add more to the price of gas but questions why his bill shows charges of up to \$15 a gigajoule.

Alinta and the Energy Minister, Fran Logan have been contacted for comment.