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The gas companies are private companies that are regulated by the province.

In that sense the profitability of these companies is affected by provincial regulation. But every business in the province can use that argument in the sense of business licenses etc and other regs. I believe that environmental concerns should be seen as the cost of doing business. If after doing every conceivable thing to be profitable, the companies find that protecting the environment is causing them to be in the red, then we can look at some way to compensate. But given that these companies are essentially protected through monopoly power it is not the consumer's responsibility to give them a windfall profit by paying for costs the company is likely to write off as corporate tax deductions as well.