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On Oct. 8, daily newspaper Barricada reported that embassies in Managua had stopped paying water, light and telephone bills a month ago, result of the government's failure to respond to complaints about excessive charges, and the absence of "reasonable parameters." The report was confirmed by an Agence France Presse correspondent who spoke with several diplomats from Latin America and other "western nations." The embassy personnel assert that public service rates in Nicaragua are "the most expensive in the world." (Basic data from AFP, 10/08/90)

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