My parents electricity bill is at least $40 more a month just from me alone due to my servers running all the time. One reason I am skeptical of upgrading to these more powerful components is because I would rather not have to pay the electricity bill right now...

Although, if I did do an upgrade, I would pay it anyway since I'm the one who uses it all the time.

To me though, they should start looking into ways to reduce the power consumption instead of just increasing output power. In the end, its going to bite them in the butt when people choose to save on their electricity bill rather than purchase new components.