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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

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Name (first and last)

Gayle Chase

Date:

August 4, 2016

Comment: Please specify the reasons for your interest in the proceeding, your views concerning the proceeding, any relevant information that supports or explains your views, the conclusion you support and any recommendations. The Commission may disallow comments that do not comply with the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

We live on agriculture zoned land and are zoned as a farm. We do use a lot of electricity in order to run the farm and heat the house. Sometimes the cost of using the electricity can be as high as \$800.00 per month. We have found that the RCR which seems to be a two tier system has caused a tremendous increase in our electricity bill. The first tier allows one rate but it does not seem to take much usage before you are bumped into the second tier. With prices on a steady increase for all the resources, groceries, insurances, gas etc. this has a huge effect on our income. It is very hard to understand the reasoning behind the enormous amount of our income that has to go to electricity. We all know that our Canadian economy is in trouble, but if the ordinary family is spending all of their income trying to pay the monthly utility bills there is no money left to keep the economy going. We have the highest R factor for insulation in our home, new windows, have done all the power smart suggestions but our electricity bill is still very high. I feel more can be done to aid people who have no other source of power other than electric by offering some sort of incentive in the form of grants, lower rates etc.