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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding nameStep 2rates in communities dependant on electric heat:

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party? *[Yes / No]no*

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I reside on Texada Island despite a natural gas pipeline that runs over the island we do not have access to natural gas for heating or any other use.Some residences burn wood to provide heat.I have a disability that would make this process very difficult.My home has no woodburningheater.So in thecold seasons home heat is dependant on electricity.Im on a very limited income of $900.I pay equal payments of 100$ a month year round.In the warm months step 1rates are never exceed.Overall electricity as frugally used as possible. Even with equal pay plan there are often extra amounts billed to make up billing shortfalls once a year.This years total of $178 was extremely hard to pay from my very strict budget and was covered by groceries money.Cupboards are empty.The stress was overwhelming and affected my head injury very badly.Months that heat is nessary are a constant worry about using to much hydro even though thermostats are set low and all but turned off at night.Unfortunately I'm not the only one affected by B.C.Hydro rates as I hear this same sentiment over and over about not being able to afford adequate heat on a limited income.Thank you.Sincerly Sharie Sharp

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