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## Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

Residential Conservation Rate (RCR)

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party?

No

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Date:

16-Aug-16

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.

Ms. Laurel Ross,

My husband and I built a house on Anarchist Mtn just over two years ago. We did everything as energy efficient as we could, even roughed in for future solar. Our large windows keep the heat out in summer but allow the winter sun through. We have no need for air conditioning as some of our neighbours who chose less energy efficient windows do. Our first winter here we used our wood burning fire place in the evenings and mornings as well as the in floor heating system. Pretty big electrical bills. This past winter we used the fire[place 24/7, taking turns waking in the night to replenish the fire. I didn't think, that in my retirement, I would be spending so much time splitting kindling, helping chop and stack firewood. It's 2016 and we are burning wood to keep warm just as my grandparents did 100 years ago. Does this not seem wrong to you?

Whenever I turn on a light, the tv or plug in a small electrical appliance I wonder how much energy I am using. I think twice about baking cookies for my grandchildren. I use a clothes line - my solar dryer - whenever possible. We are not wasteful people. We are also not wealthy, we saved and planned a long time for this property and this house. I believe the two tier billing system is just a cash cow for Fortis, mainly at the expense of and detrimental to those of us solely dependent on electricity. Fortis may claim that everyone has cut back on their electrical usage because of this system but here is an example: a few weeks ago, my husband and I went away for a few days and left our house to a sister and her family. One of the couples who came were staying in a motor home. They plugged into our electrical outlet and turned their air conditioning up high and left it on all day. Until a breaker cut out and everything turned off. These are people who use natural gas for their heating needs and don't give a second thought or even a first one to their electrical consumption.

We have done and continue to do, everything we can to be energy efficient, yet on average almost 70% of our electrical billing is in block two. I feel that this form of billing is unfair to those of us who don't have access to natural gas.