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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

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Letter of Comment

Name (first and last)

Wade Wensink

Date:

24-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.

Dear Sirs

I strongly disagree with Fortis's request for rate increase. These increases are forcing residents in this area to revert back to wood stove heat.

When I built here in 1990, I was encourage by the local building inspector to consider heating my home with electricity due to the fact that electricity rates at the time were so low. It was better for the environment than burning wood. There were, and are still, many elderly residents [REDACTED] who found the winter haze of wood smoke difficult and uncomfortable. Heating with electricity was considered the responsible choice.

I have had no alternative but to install wood heat in my home as the monthly electricity bills in the winter were unaffordable. Many others in town have done the same. There is no natural gas service in our area. Needless to say, when weather conditions are right, pollution from wood burning stoves can be quite noticeable and many residents suffer because of it.