



Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party?

Name (first and last)

City Province

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Name (first and last)

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Date:

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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 (my wife and I) have lived at our current address for 20 years. Being located on the east shore of [REDACTED] we do not have access to natural gas and purchased an existing home which was heated by an electric forced air furnace supplemented by electric base board heaters. The previous owners had installed a small wood stove in an attempt to reduce the amount of electricity they consumed. In the 20 years that we have lived here we have made numerous upgrades and improvements to our residence including upgrading of appliances, replacement of light bulbs, additional insulation, upgraded windows and installing of a high energy efficient wood-burning fireplace. We have been able to reduce our average daily consumption of over 48 kWh to less than 32 kWh. Our cooking appliances and water heater remain our primary electricity consumption. As we are retired (semi-retired) we have a limited income and do believe that the two-tier rate structure is unfair. Based on our current consumption we pay an average of \$0.1092 per kWh. Due to the fact that we do not have access to natural gas which would significantly reduce our electricity consumption we should be provided with a reduced electricity rate in comparison to those who have access to natural gas. Over the past fifteen years we have reduced our electricity consumption by 33 percent yet our cost has increased by almost 100 percent. In 2001 it cost us \$163.68 for 2,976 kWh, today it would cost \$366.64 for the same amount of electricity. Through our own initiatives we have reduced our consumption and reduced our standard of living considerably. We have made every necessary change within our means to be energy wise and as electricity is our only accessible energy we must continue to use wood, which has a huge carbon impact, as an alternative heating source. Many of our neighbors are faced with a similar situation and a revised rate structure should be implemented with consideration given to the impact to the areas of the province not serviced by natural gas.