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## Letter of Comment

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Ewald Hartmann

Date:

Oct. 21, 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.

Re: In regards to the Residential two-tier electricity rates.

The two-tier billing in my opinion, is totally unfair to many rural residents.

In our case, our electricity bills will always be in the higher threshold, because everything in the house is electric, except the wood stove.

Some of the extra costs for electricity that other people don't have are

1. A domestic well and pump
2. A pump for waste water (sewer) that pumps to the town forced main sewer system.

We have spent a fair amount of money on upgrades to our house. This was not done because of the two-tier system of billing, but because it made our house more comfortable. The payback on the capital investment was very good, at about 7 years. Because of these upgrades, our electricity consumption went from 30,000 kwh to 20,000 kwh per year. These numbers are very accurate as we have kept documents over the last 30 years.

Again, I would like to stress that these investments were not done because of your two-tier system but because it made economic sense. Also a wood stove will also be a big part of our life.