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Letter of Comment

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Name (first and last)

George Zador

Date:

4-Nov-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.

My wife and I live in an "all electric" town-home, and while I understand the wisdom of the two-tier rate in general, I find the threshold level to be too low.
We are both in our late 70-es; use all utility services sparingly, our appliances are energy efficient and our home built in 2002 is insulated to the standards of the day.
In the summer months, our Hydro bill is within the Tier One rate; however, when heating cuts in, it is impossible not to rise to the Tier Two rate, despite of proper thermostat controls that shuts off heat for the night.,
I suggest that in effect we are being penalized for having an all electric home, without the choice to use gas for heating. The basic need of home comfort heating by electricity should not come with higher cost.
I request that the Commission review the threshold level criteria and make a significant upward adjustment, especially for homes where alternate heating fuel is not an option.

Thank you

George Zador.