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**Proceeding name:** BCUC Inquiry into Gasoline and Diesel Prices in BC

**Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party:** No

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**Comment:**

With the already considerable cost of living in the lower mainland, it is disappointing to witness the still rising costs of gasoline across the province. As a young person, who seemed to defy some odds by being able to purchase a house in a delta suburb with my husband and our two children just last August, we are often forced to pull money from our grocery budget to be able to pay for gasoline due to rising costs as I am not fortunate enough to be able to work in close proximity to my home. A few cents/liter increase may not make a substantial dent in the pockets of Vancouver's top wage earners, but for families like ours who are only able to afford the privilege of owning a house in the lower mainland due to strict budgeting and careful consideration of purchases, it is often taking away from our ability to save money for unforeseen circumstances that may arise, being able to enroll in recreation programs or extra curricular programs for our children & being able to save money for our children for schooling in the future. This may sound like a worst case scenario for some, but for a lot of lower tier wage earners in the province - many are teetering a little to close to the edge of being unable to make payments on their regular bills due to an ever increasing cost of living. To say the least, it is devastating to be priced out of a city where you planted your roots in, and in an area not known for its affordability it is terrifying to think of the prospect of it getting even worse than it already is.