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Good day: I am writing in regard to a problem I have encountered which likely is not popular or heard about because it is not the "average" situation. As mentioned on the BC Hydro website BC's two-step rate is designed to drive conservation. The 2016 census documented three as the median amount of people living in each dwelling and this seems to be what the step-2 pricing is based on. My family of SIX, live in an eighteen square foot home. With BC Hydro's two month billing period the six of us, aged from 1 year to 65 years incur an increase (tier-2 pricing) about two thirds of the way through the billing period. When there were only two of us in this home we easily stayed below the step-2 pricing, but with six sharing this same dwelling, of course the hydro usage will increase. Yet, in a literal sense, six living in a single dwelling will actually save hydro - we share lights, appliances, heat, electronics, etc. So being penalized for going over a rate which is set on a "dwelling" and not set on the "number of individuals" is not objective. This family is very conscious of conserving. Our noses are cold in the winter and the TV is watched without additional lighting. We have newer energy efficient appliances and have draft-proofed. We paid for the energy audit. We are responsible. We will pay approximately \$1000 per year more than other "median" single dwelling homes because of the second step we incur. In summary, this step pricing should not be implemented until it is based on individual consumption instead of being based on "A Dwelling". Sincerely, Mrs. Carolyn Stoppard