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I am writing to express my concerns regarding to the proposed increase to Rural Customers of Nelson Hydro. You have already received many letters stating the fact that we all support Nelson businesses, clubs, services, etc., I fully support those sentiments.

My argument is that we are all Customers whether we live in Nelson or surrounding Rural areas. Maintaining service to all areas is costly, especially in Nelson which is built mainly on a mountainside. The recent storm caused much damage in the city - just as it did along the north shore road between Nelson and Balfour.

I have been a Customer for over 45 years, and I have been through many many power outages and a nasty power surge in which many people lost stoves, TV's, fridges, etc.

If the trees along the highway had been regularly cut back, and poles replaced more frequently, perhaps these past storms would not have been so costly. I took a drive after the last big outage (over 30 hrs.) to see where the trouble seemed to be. Between Long Beach and Coffee Creek, trees had come down all over the lines along the highway right-of-way.

If we now have to pay higher prices for our power than people living in Nelson, I feel discriminated against. I am a customer and if they keep us as customers, what guarantee do we have that the lines will be better maintained. Will the extra monies collected go to us, or will it be put in the pot to be used by all when needed. If this is the case, we should all pay the same and share the costs. We are all Customers of Nelson Hydro and all should be treated equally.

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