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Re: Charlotte Koch
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Notes: We live in an all electric home, in an area where there is no gas alternative (Meadowood), At the time we purchased this home 5 years ago our electric bill was comparable to the gas and electric bills of homes that gas heat and electric bills. This seemed ok. This rate hike has place a hardship on us and our neighbors. How can we be expected to pay 3 times the amount of last year's amount with one fell swoop in an increase. This is high way robbery considering there are no other alternatives for us. Since most people live paycheck to paycheck..this 100% or so rise in rates is criminal. Although it is nice to say "you've had it good for a long time"..the loss of discounts transtlates to winter bills of \$400 to over \$1,000 per month. depending upon the home and the usage. .This far surpasses the equivalent in gas rates...True economic survival is at stake here. Most people cannot afford this. Also, all electric homes are quickly becoming "stigmatized" in the real estate market. This horrible situation needs to be corrected ASAP

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