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When we bought our first condominium in 1975, ~~all homes were gas and electric. The condominium~~ was being built as an all-electric home. Most people told us not to buy it. All electric homes were extremely expensive to heat and the air from the vents was not warm.

Since there was a discount offered for electricity for these homes, we bought the home, stayed ten years and then bought another all-electric home in the same neighborhood.

We have since replaced doors and windows and all the appliances and heat pump. We dry clothes outdoors frequently. We keep our heat temperature setting low and the air conditioning off or high. The hot water tank is set at 120 degrees. All light bulbs in the house are low watt compact fluorescent. We try very hard to use as little energy as possible.

However, when the rates changed last year the monthly bill tripled and we were shocked!! If the electric company plans to change its long-term standing agreement on rates (due to their mandates to reduce usage) another option should be discussed.

This entire house is built for electric appliances and heat only. A changeover to another source of energy should not fall on my lap because of the current situation. DO NOT allow this discount to end or come up with a way to pay for a switch for another source.

Recall, natural gas was not an option for either my condo or this home I am in. There are no gas lines even run on either street. The electric company did not contract with the customer on the all electric rate. These rates were contracted with the builders of the homes in all electric neighborhoods. Natural gas was not available nor were lines run. How will all electric homes sell with rates that are excessive? My rates tripled when my discount was taken. My neighbors had bills over \$600 for one month in homes with two persons.

Thank you for your time and remember the consumers and the promise made to them by the utility company.

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