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Letter of Comment - EB-2020-0246

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-- Name --Laurie Mitchell

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-- Comments --

I am a seasonal cottager. I inherited an old cottage on Mountain Lake and maintain it for family use. My family has owned this cottage for almost 50 years. If I did not inherit this cottage, I would not be able to purchase a cottage despite being a teacher and a 2-income family.

Electricity is a key expense. I already feel that it is high and reducing our consumption does little to reduce our bill due to the high delivery charge which is already paid throughout the year, including off-season. For instance, from November to February this year (months during which our power is off), my delivery charges amounted to \$264.18. An increase to this is frightening.

I am concerned about a rate increase.

Why are the lowest users experiencing the highest 'Total Bill' increase (+12% vs -8% listed on the chart provided in our letter of notice)? This penalizes families vs. businesses.

My second concern is on the R1 vs. R2 rating. Is my designated R1 class subject to change? The rate change difference between R1 vs. R2 is significant and I understand why, but am I safe believing that my cottage will never be switched to R2 status if other densities increase and mine does not?

-- Attachment --