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Subject: FW: Maritime Electric Rate Increase

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To: Info@irac.pe.ca

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Marsha Empson, and I live in Borden, PEI. I'm writing in regards to the Maritime Electric proposed rate increase, and am asking you to NOT allow a rate increase to be applied.

As a two income/two person family, we simply cannot afford this rate increase. Islanders already pay very high prices for heating oil, outrageous internet costs, and electricity is already highly priced. While we've spent all of our savings on improving the insulation in our house this year, we know that it will only reduce the heating costs by a little bit. Our internet bill has increased to over \$103/month with no improved services. We in no way can afford an electric rate increase, and it's disheartening to think profits and big business are being considered over Islanders and their basic needs.

Should this rate increase be applied, it will directly impact our situation negatively. We will absolutely be required to incur debt every month, in order to pay our bills and keep a roof over our head. We also like to eat when we can afford it.

I beg of you to please consider the sad state of wages on PEI, and recognize that many Islanders are already struggling financially, and to not allow an electric rate increase.

Thank you,
Marsha Empson

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