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I am very concerned about the news of the possibility of electricity rates being increased again. I live by myself in a single family dwelling in the country in the western end of PEI. Because of injuries which I suffered in a MVA 19 years ago and because of four types of painful arthritis, I have not been able to work since 2008. Surviving on a disability income leaves a person having to live without some basic necessities of life. I have been living without heat and hot water since early March but at least I could still plug in an electric heater to keep me warm in the spring and for the last few months I have to heat some water in a pot on my electric stove in order to be able to wash myself and to wash the dishes. Once I receive my CPP Disability cheque at the end of the month I try to pay all my monthly bills, buy some groceries, I put \$20 worth of gas in my car, pick up my medications at the pharmacy, then I am lucky if I might have ten dollars left for milk the following week. So if they increase the electricity rates again, that means if I want to have electricity I will have to sacrifice something else. Well I don't drink or smoke or go out or shop, so that means that I will have to go without groceries or my pain medications.

Or I will be without electricity and I know that I am not the only person in this predicament. I could learn to live without lights and TV and a few other modern commodities of life, but how will I keep myself warm and how will I cook my food? And all this is happening so that some Maritime Electric share holders can purchase fancier cars and go on longer holidays in far away places and some CEO can contribute more millions to his RRSP? THIS IS MESSED UP! The rich get richer, the poor get poorer!

Yours truly,
An extremely concerned citizen

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