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Dear Public Utility Commission, We, Arthur and Linda Hendrickson, 495 Old Route 100, Moretown, VT 05660, email artandlindah@yahoo.com and telephone 802-223-7761, are commenting on case number 19-1270-TF concerning a new rate design of Washington Electric Co-op. We have been members of Washington Electric Co-op (WEC) for 47 years. We live on fixed incomes. In the time period we have been members we have done our best to follow the direction of the co-op to conserve energy. With the proposed new rate design that now encourages more electric use we would face a large rate increase. Using figures published in the July 2018 WEC Newsletter Co-op Currents, Page 1, and using past bills it is calculated that we would have an average rate increase in our electric bills of about 12%. WEC GM Patty Richards on Page 4 of the same newsletter passes this proposal off as, "Some members will see lower monthly bills; others will see an increase". Common sense says these "others" seeing the increase are in most cases those with the lowest incomes who use the least electricity and will be negatively effected the most by raising the base rate. This supposed "revenue neutral" proposal targeting those with a low income level is not fair and would have a negative effect on their quality of life. It is absurd that, as proposed, those who can afford it the least would have even less to live on while subsidizing those with wealth. The PUC should not allow the WEC to be run in such a regressive manner. THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE RATES THE WAY THEY ARE. Thank you for REJECTING the new rate design. Arthur and Linda Hendrickson, July 4, 2019.