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I lodged a submission earlier today to point out the unfairness of the structure of the current standard charge for electricity, for those of us who do not have access to town gas & who spend most of our time at home, in our retirement, etc.

Unfortunately I forgot to include the fact that since we use more electricity than the "average" we are also penalised by the way in which the network (wires) charge is included in the "usage" charge. That is most unfair, particularly since the "network" charge is now such a large component of the current usage charge.

The charge for wire connection should be similar to telephone line or water/sewer charges, i.e there should be a quite separate line connection (or service) fee, plus an electricity usage fee. The current method is simply a total ripoff as far as we are concerned.

Thanking you for your consideration.