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I fail to understand why IPART has allowed electricity companies to charge a secret \$39 customer acquisition cost to fund door to door sales and hides this cost in tariffs in the hope it will not be discovered.

An electricity access charge is already paid by consumers for electricity to run from the street to the residence called the Electricity Service Availability Charge so why the need for the on going \$39 charge, that will also rise, as will the GST.

As pensioners we are being forced to pay this cost eventhough we do not have door to door sales people knocking on our door as we are on a contract.

Eventually when electricity prices become so hight nobody will be able to afford power and we will all have our power cut off leaving the electricity companies with no income at all with only themselves to blame, just like the water they will price themselves out of the market.