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Comment\_description: Utah Power says they filed a request for a general rate increase of 12.5% to become effective 9/05. I object to this increase because of the burden in places on total electric homes and the potential reduction in resale value of my home. In the 1970s Utah Power had extensive marketing campaigns promoting the construction of "total electric" homes including rate discounts. I took advantage of that plan and constructed a total electric home (ceiling cable heat & hot water tank) in 1976. In the 80s, under the banner of conservation, those incentives were taken away without any funding to permit total electric homes to convert to other alternative energy sources such as natural gas or propane. During the past decade my family has been forced to enroll in Utah Power's "off peak" time-of-day program which penalizes us for energy use during normal daytime hours. We did that to avoid our UPL bill going over \$300 per month during the coldest of winter months. For our 2100 square foot home, we regularly pay between \$125 to \$250 monthly depending upon the time of year. Additionally, because of our winter heating bills our home has lost resale value and is less appealing to prospective buyers. I strongly object to ANY INCREASE without the IPUC and/or UP&L giving "total electric home owners" some relief in the form of funding provided by UP&L for more energy conservation including improved insulated siding, replacement of more energy efficient windows & exterior doors, overhead insulation or replacement of heating systems and water heaters with an alternative energy source. UP&L has raked in hundreds of thousands (if not millions) of dollars collected from "total electric" home owners during the past 3 decades. Low interest loans are not the answer. Perhaps a class action lawsuit might also be a way of receiving relief from higher energy bills and decreased home values!

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