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March 24, 2010

John Hickman
13671 18th Ave SW
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RE: Correspondence on Seattle City Light Underground Fee

Dear Mr. Hickman:

I have been asked to respond to your letter dated March 3, 2010, regarding the Seattle City Light Underground fee. I understand your concern and acknowledge that Seattle City Light customers with higher bills will pay a larger portion of the 1st Avenue South Underground fee, due to the utility's cost recovery arrangement.

In 2003 and 2004 a number of options to allow Seattle City Light to recoup the cost of that capital project were reviewed by Burien City staff and Council. In 2005, consistent with the Franchise Agreement between the City of Burien and Seattle City Light, a memorandum of understanding was signed by both parties providing for full cost recovery on the project from Seattle City Light customers in the City of Burien through an increment to the rates charged.

Regarding the effect on lower-income households, the City cannot directly alleviate the additional expenses associated with the undergrounding fee, but Burien does offer a Utility Tax Relief Program for eligible low-income households.

Sincerely,

Tabatha Miller
Finance Director

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CITY OF BURIEN

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Mayor
Joan McGilton

re: 1st Ave S Underground fee on the Light Bill

Attached is my Light Bill as of February which shows a fee \$25.40 for the 1st Ave S Underground project. I heat my house with non polluting electricity. This fee is about 4 time higher (4X) that of my neighbors who heat their homes with gas (emitting CO and CO2).

Please explain how my paying 4 times my neighbors fee just because I use electric heat is fair and equitable.

This also affects;
Elderly who keep their homes warmer.
People with large families (more cooking, showers, laundry, etc.).
Most apartment buildings (except The Heights).
Elderly housing most of which is electrically heated.
Low income housing most of which is electrically heated.

Again, how is this fair and equitable?



John Hickman

CFTR: 04/05/10
PC: 03/04/10
CC: Finance for response



Seattle City Light Bill

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CD-2Questions? Call 206-684-3000 or 1-800-862-1181 (out of area calls only)
Write us? 700 5th Avenue, Suite 3200, PO Box 34023, Seattle, WA 98124-4023Account number:
1-38278-243505JOHN R. HICKMAN
13671 18TH AVE SW
BURIEN, WA 98166-1046**Summary of charges as of February 10, 2010**

Payments received after February 11, 2010 are not reflected.

Previous balance:	350.78
Payments applied - THANK YOU:	350.78 CR
Balance:	0.00
Total adjustments:	0.00
Current billing:	602.81

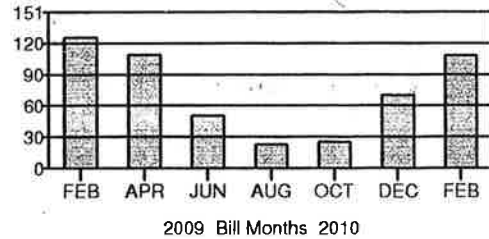
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE ON March 03, 2010 \$602.81Service address:
13671 18TH AVE SW**FIGHT PHONE SCAMS. REPORT CALLS SEEKING CREDIT CARD INFORMATION AT 684-3000.**

Rate discounts available for income eligible seniors and other customers. Call 206-684-3000.

Avoid late charges - make timely bill payments or payment arrangements. (Accounts on Budget Billing are not eligible for alternative payment arrangements.)

DETAILED BILLING INFORMATION**Electric Service**

Service From	Service Through	Previous Reading	Current Reading	kWh Multiplier	kWh Usage
Dec 03, 2009	Feb 04, 2010	80693.00	87558.00	1	6865.00
Meter Number: 58255		Service Category: KWHC			
Base service charge					2.72
Winter Residential Burien					448.00 KWH @ \$0.0414 per KWH 18.55
Winter Residential Burien					2603.11 KWH @ \$0.0834 per KWH 217.10
1st Ave South 1 Underground					3051.11 KWH @ \$0.0037 per KWH 11.29 ✓
Base service charge					3.87
Winter Residential Burien					560.00 KWH @ \$0.0471 per KWH 26.38
Winter Residential Burien					3253.89 KWH @ \$0.0949 per KWH 308.79
1st Ave South 1 Underground					3813.89 KWH @ \$0.0037 per KWH 14.11 ✓
Current Electric Service:					602.81

Compare Your Electricity Usage1129
1411
2540No. of days this period: 63
kWh consumption this period: 6865
Avg kWh per day: 108.96 kWh
Avg kWh cost this period: \$ 9.56/daySame period last year: 63
Same period last year: 7940 kWh
Same period last year: 126.03 kWh

1ST AVE S UG \$ 25.40

Please tear off remittance stub below and mail it with your payment in the enclosed return envelope.

Please do not write messages on the bill stub, which is machine processed - instead, write to us on a separate sheet and include your account number.

Seattle City Light BillService address: 13671 18TH AVE SW
Account number: 1-38278-243505**DUE DATE: March 03, 2010**
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$602.81

Make check payable and mail to:

Enter Amount Paid: \$ _____
Write account number on check. Please do not send cash.JOHN R. HICKMAN
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