

Public Comments on the Residential Time of Day Rate Proposal

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My name is William Wisnewski. I reside at [personally Identifiable Information redacted]. My account number is [[personally Identifiable Information redacted]. My concern about this rate is that it assumes all electric usage can be stopped during peak hours. Living on the South Shore of Long Island in Lindenhurst, my finished basement is subject to groundwater intrusion. I have a french drain system with 2 sump pumps, that after heavy rains, come on every 20 seconds, sometime days or even months at a time, and they are very heavy users of electric. I've resarched, but there doesn't appear to be any energy efficient sump pumps. You can see from past usage going back years, how much my usage varies, from being way over to what the average home owner uses, to way under, depending on if my pumps are running or not. This is irregardless of time of year. As I can only control the usage by unplugging pumps, this would cause severe flooding in my finished basement. The way this proposal reads I would be subject to a .39 cent per kwh rate during peak hours, with no provision for usage that cannot be controlled. This would lead to astronomical electric bills, with the only choices being pay the bill, or allow my finished basement to flood. Has this situation, along with many other scenarios of homeowners and business that can't control peak usage, been considered, along with impact to bills? Will there be any rate that reflects this situation? What other recourse will I have? Wouldn't opting out of the plan still cost me more than I'm paying now? I hope that before anything is passed, all scenarios have been carefully thought out and considered.

Thank You