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Mr. Elijah Erkloo
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Yellowknife, N.W.T.

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Dear Mr. Erkloo:

Re: N.W.T.H.C./N.C.P.C. User Pay Program

As per our discussions last week, this letter brings to your attention certain areas of concern of the N.W.T. Housing Corporation/ N.C.P.C. User Pay Program.

Although the initial idea of a user pay program is commendable and the expenses to the Pond Inlet Housing Association being substantially decreased, we believe that the program needs to be reconsidered.

The following is a brief outline of 3 main areas of concern to us;

- 1) Tenants who are in the lower income brackets ie: senior citizens, and those who do not receive social assistance are hardest hit. They may be cut off from power for a single bill although more than 3/4 of the bill has been paid, by the N.W.T.H.C.
- 2) Tenants who are in the higher income brackets are not realistically presented with an incentive to be more energy conscious.
- 3) The premises are rented and electricity is a fixture of the unit, to add on another expense is for some tenants a potential health and safety risk. ie: if power was cut off in winter and damages do occur, the cost of reconnecting, repairing and the wages involved would be extremely high for the tenant. Not to mention the loss of personal property and the physical hardships involved.

In light of these findings, we would strongly recommend that the N.W.T.H.C./N.C.P.C. User Pay Program be discontinued. An alternative program is probable right at the Hamlet level. A Municipality Services User Pay Program could be more readily controllable, as well as creating a community awareness of energy conservation.

I would also like to mention that, were merchandise that were designed to cut down on energy consumption readily available the tenants would be more able to cut energy consumption.

In closing I would like to thank you for your interest and await your response.

Yours truly,



For Jaykolassie Killiktee
Chairman

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