

# COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Alberta Utilities Commission  
106 Street Building  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor, 10055-106th  
Edmonton, AB  
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## **RE: Rising Cost of Alberta Utility Fees**

There have been numerous municipalities throughout Alberta that have voiced their concern to the AUC about the current rising cost of utility fees for both electricity and natural gas.

The County of St. Paul No.19 is echoing and supporting those municipalities by submitting this correspondence and is asking for the Commission to reevaluate the fees being charged on top of the actual usage fees, and the amount of profit corporations are making off our County residents and all Albertans. The fundamentals of utilities shouldn't be an opportunity for corporate profit.

Over the past couple of years, Albertans have been faced with an extreme economic recession, the stress of the pandemic combined with rising employment uncertainty and inflation impacting food, fuel, supply shortages and housing. Individual residents are not the only ones stricken by the current utility fees, business big and small, including non-profits are struggling to keep their doors open due to the ever-increasing cost of utilities.

We urge you to take the time to consider what the rising cost of Alberta's utility fees are doing to our residents. Now is not the time to be financially stressing Albertans more by increasing utility fees, but rather a time to support all Albertans through this difficult economic time.

Sincerely,

Glen Ockerman  
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Cc: David Hanson, MLA  
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