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The Climate Commitment Act is projected to result in price increases for lower income families in Washington State. In some cases, such as natural gas customers, there may be refunds paid to these families that will offset some price increases. I have not yet seen a comprehensive analysis of the projected net financial impact on lower income families. Such analysis would help insure that the CCA does not further increase income inequality in Washington State. I would recommend that this analysis be done for low income families living in a variety of contexts (urban, suburban, rural) in various utility districts. I would also recommend that this analysis be repeated on an annual basis with comparisons made between projected and actual financial impact on lower income families each year. If this analysis is already being done please direct me to that resource. The financial impact of the CCA on unhoused individuals and families in WA should also be studied.