

From:
To: [Commission Secretary BCUC:EX](#)
Subject: BCUC RIB Rate Report
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I would like to receive some clarification concerning stakeholder participation in the BCUC RIB Rate Report process detailed in your letter of August 17th. As I understand it, the second step in your process "interested stakeholders provide comments on the same" is only open to "registered interveners" in previous RIB proceedings.

I have ample expertise in the area having worked at Natural Resources Canada as Director, Demand Policy & Analysis with the Office of Energy Efficiency for 11 years as well as Senior Director, Domestic Environment Policy for 7 years. Moreover, I had a conference call with Minister Bennett in April, 2015 during which I raised the questions that he is now requesting BCUC to answer. In May, the Minister sent me a letter in which he stated "I am interested in the issues you and others have raised, and I have asked Ministry staff to speak with utilities about these issues and how we might be able to address them, including whether there is an opportunity for a further review of these issues through a BCUC process that would allow you and other concerned customers to participate".

Since I was not a registered intervener in previous BCUC proceedings, as I understand your letter, I will be prohibited from commenting on the proceedings until after BC Hydro and FortisBC have provided their reports to the Commission and the Commission has established a public comment process (likely sometime in the Spring of 2016). This, despite my extensive experience in the area. Would you please confirm that my understanding of your process is correct. I am preparing a reply to the Minister and I would like to ensure that my interpretation of your letter is the correct one.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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