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Letter of Comment

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Date:

August 4, 2016

Comment: Please specify the reasons for your interest in the proceeding, your views concerning the proceeding, any relevant information that supports or explains your views, the conclusion you support and any recommendations. The Commission may disallow comments that do not comply with the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

I am a resident of Galiano Island, one of the southern Gulf Islands.

As there is no natural gas service to Galiano the heating of my home must be by electricity. The imposition of the increase or establishment of Level 2 rates would be a significant financial hardship on most of the island residents.

NOTE: BC Hydro's power lines run from the mainland across Georgia Strait where they come up on the southern end of Galiano; cross the island, enter Trincomali Channel; cross Saltspring Island to service it and then terminates on Vancouver Island.

The point is that Level 2 rates as I understand them are for more remote communities where the cost of delivery is high. The delivery to Galiano is INCIDENTAL to delivery to Vancouver Island. The service to Galiano is simply a 'spur' off the main transmission cables to Vancouver Island and does not add to the delivery costs to the Gulf Islands.

Simply put, the power was going there anyways. It is similar to there being little or no additional cost to drop something off when you going by some place anyways.

Respectfully, BC Hydro should not be granted the increase in rates sought. Gulf Islanders are conservers of resources by nature whether it be water or power and the Level 2 rates are neither warranted or needed.

Samuel Lipetz