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Letter of Comment

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Name (first and last)

Rick Deis

Date:

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The BCUC two-tiered electrical billing system is flawed at best in that it assumes that there are only two types of customers; responsible and irresponsible. It is designed to reward the responsible by penalizing the irresponsible and does not take into consideration the tremendous differential between homes heated with electricity and those who use other sources of heat. Bill Bennett's claim that "most electrically-heated homes (EHH) see lower overall bills under the RCR" is grossly mistaken. I expect that if one were to gain access to those charges one would find that the opposite is in fact true. The problem is that neither the commission nor the electrical providers have actually determined which customers are and which are not the electrically-heated home (EHH) customers. I challenge the Commission to look at the actual numbers and base their conclusions on facts and not flawed assumptions. Since 2003 I've decreased my electrical consumption by 21.5% but my average cost per KWH has nearly doubled to 14 cents per kwh. I have done everything feasible to cut my electrical consumption but still am penalized because my home is heated with electricity.