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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

Residential Inclining Block Rate Report to the Government of British Columbia
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and FortisBC Inc.

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party?

No

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Date:

10-Aug-16

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 understand BC Hydro intends raising tier 2 rates to 51%.

We live on a small gulf island and have no access to natural gas, and will not have this access in the future.

We heat our home with electricity.

This very large rate increase will have a very serious negative economic impact on us. We already find heating our home to be almost unaffordable.

I ask that the commission require BC Hydro to keep tier 2 rate at 26% for areas, including ours, where there is no access to natural gas. Given the installation of smart meters, I would imagine this to be simple to implement.

I would also like to mention that I know many others in the community and on other gulf islands who are in a similar situation, some of them may not write in to the commission but will suffer hardship just the same.