



Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

BCUC RIB Rate Report

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Date:

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I am writing in relation to the BC Hydro stepped rate charge system.

Whilst I am in favour of any measures to encourage conservation of energy, I believe this rate program unfairly discriminates against people who have no realistic alternative energy source to BC Hydro.

Presumably BC Hydro set their charges based on costs, overheads & any expected profit. If this is the case then it seems to me that either the lower rate is an unrealistic charge which is subsidised by the income from the higher rate, or the higher rate is excessive & just exists to generate extra profit.

If the case is my first scenario, it is patently unfair that those customers who have no access to natural gas - the obvious alternative- are penalised & are subsidising those who have such access.

If the case is my second scenario, then the rates are extortionate & should be reduced accordingly. In this case BC Hydro would be making huge profits, which seemingly is not the case. This brings me back to the fact that we captive users are subsidising those with a choice.