



## Letter of Comment

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, to submit a letter of comment concerning an application currently before the Commission, please provide a completed form to [commission.secretary@bcuc.com](mailto:commission.secretary@bcuc.com). If email is unavailable, please mail the form to the address above. By doing so, you acknowledge that all letters of comment are published with the author's name as part of the public evidentiary record, both in print copy and on the Commission's website. All personal contact information provided on this page is removed before posting to the website. Forms must be received by the Commission by the last filing date included in the proceeding's regulatory timetable before final arguments.

Proceeding name

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party?

Name (first and last)

City

Province

Email

Phone number

# Letter of Comment

Name (first and last)

Roger Pelletier

Date:

15-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 am a rural customer living in the north with limited options for heating, hot water, cooking, drying clothes and supplying well water with an electric pump. My only choice is electricity with wood heat to supplement heat and hot water. I have converted all of my lighting loads to LED and have purchased new appliances that are reducing my electricity usage as much as possible. When away for long periods I reduce my heat to 11 degrees and shut off my hot water as well as my water pump. I feel that I am doing all that I can to conserve power.

My bills in the past year have fluctuated from a low of \$398.02 to a high of \$735.72 for a total cost of \$3165.16. I have no idea how high it would be without the use of the wood boiler that I am using during the winter months when at home.

I believe that the two tiered residential conservation rate does not help in conserving electricity for rural customers that don't have another option. The current step 1 rate of \$.0829 is high enough to entice people to continue to conserve power where they can.

If the dual rate were to be eliminated for rural customers with no other option than electricity my total billing for last year would have been \$2347.23 for a reduction of \$817.93. This is still higher than most people pay for combined natural gas and electrical.

Another option that could probably work is to return to the E-Plus program that Hydro had implemented in 1987. I would gladly install dual metering system and an alternate back-up power supply for power interruptions if Hydro rates were low enough to warrant it.