



Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

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Letter of Comment

Name (first and last)

Terrance Hughes

Date:

22-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 responding to your "Requests for Comments" notice placed in the Victoria Times Colonist Newspaper.

I have owned and resided in the same single family [REDACTED] residential home for the past 18 years. The home was built in 1967 and has all electric baseboard heating as well as electric hot water. There are no heating ducts or vents in the building. In addition, my street has never been serviced with a natural gas line.

A number of years ago I upgraded my single pane aluminum windows to dual pane vinyl. I also added additional insulation in my crawl space. I have also changed all of my lights to LED's. I don't believe there is much else I can do to improve the energy efficiency of the home, or realistically reduce my consumption of electricity, without having natural gas which is not practical.

Until recently I had four children living with me. Of course I have no option but to heat the house and provide hot water.

The change to two tier rates simply raised my utilities bill and significantly increased my costs to live. There are no other ways I can effectively or economically reduce my consumption in general or to the first tier level. I have effectively been punished for buying a home that was originally built solely with electric base board heating and water, and has no economical and practical access to gas.

I was shocked when I first saw the increases to my electricity bills after the change to two tier rates.

I feel the two tier system is unfair to people like myself who have electric heat and water, and have limited or no reasonable access to gas heating or gas hot water. I believe the system should be returned to one rate.

I also believe BC Hydro should consider refunding the amount charged for the second tier rate.