



## Letter of Comment

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Name (first and last)

Jackie Sehgal

Date:

August 22, 2016

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We live [REDACTED] where electricity is the only option to heat and cool our homes in a very harsh desert environment. [REDACTED] is comprised of working class Canadians in the tourism and hospitality industry as well as many retired senior citizens.

Our uncle and aunt lived across the street from us [REDACTED] until last October when they were forced to move to a multi unit carriage home [REDACTED] because exorbitant electrical bills for their single family home were devouring their savings and no amount of penny pinching measures could combat the bimonthly Fortis bills that they had to deal with, in addition to fuel charges to travel to the neighbouring town to visit their doctor.

We live [REDACTED] 15 minutes out of the town [REDACTED]. My husband is a volunteer firefighter who along with many other locals, are first on site responders to car fires, motorcycle accidents and lightning strike fires in a 30 mile area. Our house experiences temperatures over 40 C in the summer as well as blistering cold and wind shear in the winter. Our home was built in 2000 and we had aspired to retire permanently in it within the next 10 years, however our ability to do so, is greatly at risk, given the punitive tiered electrical rates that have been imposed on our rural community; a service area that will never have access to cheaper forms of energy such as natural gas.

Please re-examine your geographically blind policy that works well for urban dwellers but seriously impinges on the financial well being of rural Canadians, especially the elderly and those who chose to work in the non urban heartlands of British Columbia.

Sincerely,  
Jackie Sehgal