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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

BCUC RIB Rate Report

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party?

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23-Aug-16

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Electricity is the only safe and clean method available for heating my Island home. There is not a Fortis BC option available to me. We have already been using smart meter data to optimize on power consumption but as it is, with the current second tier pricing, my winter heating bills are already a challenge for me (approaching retirement). Increases beyond this would be a major concern.

I understand from a neighbour that in the past, there have been communities that weren't served by natural gas put on two meters on their homes, one for heat (at a reduced rate) and one for general electricity at the normal rate. This seems to be a more "fair" approach.

Please don't penalize the remote and developing communities of the province. They don't have other safe and green options available to them.

A 51% increase in the hydro rate seems reckless and certainly catastrophic to hydro users faced with no alternative for cheaper energy sources for heating in the winter months.

Thank you for considering my feedback,

Frank Foster