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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name: Residential Inclining Block Electricity Rates

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party? *[Yes / No]*

Name (first and last): Josh Foster	
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Name (first and last): Josh Foster	Date: 08/24/16

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.

Dear BC Utilities Commissioner,

I am a Fortis BC customer [redacted] and am writing this Letter of Comment to protest the decision by Fortis to charge what amounts to an unfair tax on those who consume more than 1600 kWh of electricity per two-month period.

This decision is onerous on me because I do not have natural gas service [redacted] I live in a high alpine zone with an average winter temperatures between -4 to -10C and can therefore never reduce my energy consumption to the 'average' rate, no matter what energy-saving measures I take.

The Fortis two-tier system is inequitable, punitive, and also does not accurately reflect the reduction in energy consumption for residents [redacted] I believe that Fortis and the BCUC need to change this discriminatory policy immediately so that the burden of energy costs is shared across all provincial customers regardless of where they live and who their service provider is.

I also believe that Fortis should refund me and other affected customers retroactively for this injustice. With these goals in mind, I am looking for your assistance.

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