



Letter of Comment

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Letter of Comment

Name (first and last)

Patricia Brazeau

Date:

27-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.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of BC without access to Natural Gas, I have accepted your invitation to send you a letter regarding my views on the residential two-tier electricity rate system.

I disagree with this rate structure because it is unfair to those of us who have no access to alternate energy and rely solely on electricity for heating during the winter months.

I live in a rural area at an elevation of 1100 metres and it's cold and snowy from October until March. My home is quite new and well-built and insulated, with modern appliances, including the furnace. There are only 2 people living in the house and we turn the heat down to 13C at night and only have 1 light on in the room where we're sitting when needed, but we still consistently go deep into tier 2 in the winter and my Fortis bill is astronomical.

I truly believe there is nothing more I can do to conserve energy, which was supposed to be the incentive of this system. I also believe that this rate structure is totally unfair to all the people who don't have access to Natural Gas, including those living in remote areas in little shacks, just getting by as best as they can and also the folks who live in condos and townhouses who only have the option of baseboard heat in urban areas.

I am asking you to seriously consider another rate structure that is fair to all. I understand the goal of providing an incentive to save energy, but this is unfair to a lot of households. Please take a look at other models in other provinces and countries and introduce a rate structure that works. Even the time-of-use system has been successful and, if introduced here, I would abide by.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide my views. Thanks also, in advance, for taking them seriously.

Best Regards,

Patricia Brazeau