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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? [No]

Name (first and last): Regional District of Central Kootenay	
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Name (first and last): Regional District of Central Kootenay	Date: September 2, 2016
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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.

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The Board believes that assumptions made in the BC Hydro model to encourage electricity conservation while being cost neutral are flawed in those areas that do not have access to natural gas. In effect, customers who do not have access to natural gas must rely on electricity or be subject to the more volatile market pricing of propane and therefore have fewer economical options. This difference in options for sources of energy leads to a funding model and could be seen as punitive. Wood burning can have negative environmental impacts. A separate model for these areas needs to be developed by the utility companies.

Although the RDCK appreciates that the BCUC recognizes and values our ability to reach out to residents, the final responsibility for outreach must remain the responsibility of the Commission and/or the utility companies. We note your list of impacted communities is not complete.