



**VIA EMAIL**

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**BCUC RIB RATE REPORT**  
**EXHIBIT A-19**

Dear Mr. Tarris:

Re: Residential Inclining Block Rate Report to the Government of British Columbia

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We are in receipt of your email of September 21, 2016, expressing your interest in becoming a stakeholder in the proceeding regarding the Residential Inclining Block Rate Report to the Government of BC.

As you are aware we closed our public comment process on September 2, 2016 and reports from the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and FortisBC Inc. were submitted to the Commission on September 30, 2016. Although the participation of stakeholders in this process going forward is not established at this time, we will include you on our list of stakeholders and inform you of stakeholder participation opportunities in this proceeding.

Yours truly,

Laurel Ross

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Enclosure

cc: Stakeholders  
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
FortisBC Inc.

## Commission Secretary BCUC:EX

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**From:** Dave Tarris <higby1dave@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 3:03 PM  
**To:** Wruck, Patrick BCUC:EX  
**Subject:** Status as Interested Party or Stakeholder

I would have assumed it would be a de facto assumption that anyone of the 400 people that were able to get their comments posted after navigating the many roadblocks put in their way by BCUC, either as an act of omission or more sinisterly an act of commission, would be considered an interested party or a stakeholder.

BC Hydro and Fortis have approximately 1,600,000 Residential Customers.

Approximately 10% of those customers are unable to access natural gas. = 160,000 affected customers

Success of BCUC's Public Participation Engagement with those affected customers =  $400/160,000 = 1/4 \%$

Considering a municipal referendum (the poorest example democratic participation) is considered a success if 20 % of voters participate, BCUC's attempt could be viewed as a "world class" failure.

Accenture could have provided all the graphs and spreadsheets needed for the Commission to definitively prove the inequity of this particular Rate Design, but of course, being a private corporation, they are likely not constrained to cooperate with the Commission.

### Three weddings and a funeral

Government plans for electricity in BC

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**Marriage 1, with Accenture:** A private Bermuda-based company, Accenture, took over all the major services activities of BC Hydro on April 1, 2003. These involve customer services, financial services, human resources, information technology and procurement services. It was a change that cost BC Hydro \$60 million and one-third of its workforce. Because Accenture is a private corporation, the details of the transaction are not public, and at no point was a business case made to the public regarding the need for this change. By all measure of efficiencies for public utilities, the administrative services of BC Hydro have historically been excellent.

Please include my letter to the BCUC Secretary on BC Hydro's request for an extension as an interested party, or stakeholder. I will amend my letter and hope to see it added to the other 2 vexatious letters.

Dave Tarris

**PS:** Thank you Patrick for being the Point Person on this. In the old days CEO's and executives higher up the Food Chain would offer to resign over such botched proceedings that happened under their watch but that is not in evidence much these days.