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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

Two tier electricity rate

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party?

Yes, interested party

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Date:

Oct 13,2016

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.

I found the analysis by BC HYDRO and FORTIS to be weak. I was not suggesting that the two tier rate be scrapped and a return to a postage stamp rate. I was suggesting that a discount of the electricity be applied to customers that did not have access to natural gas. The very small % of customers would not result in a big cost to BCHYDRO. In my opinion the current rate structure is discriminatory against BC residents that live in areas of the province that are not served by natural gas. It does not take a PhD Economist to conclude that natural gas is much cheaper than electricity. The analysis by both utilities was self-serving and filled with excuses.