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## Letter of Comment

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Name (first and last)

Ian Hill

Date:

Oct. 19/2016

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 find the current system of two level billing patently unfair. It assumes that everyone uses the same minimum amount of hydro power for the basic functions of operating a residence. Personally I live in a rural area where there are no street lights, no public water or sewer, and no access to natural gas. I therefore use electricity for more than the average city resident, and by not having access to natural gas I have to use hydro for heat as well. This two tiered system works well to reduce needless consumption in the city or by very large residences, or at least makes people realize that there is a cost for excess. I personally use led lights, fans to cool in summer, use cold water for washing, and try not to shower excessively. I feel the two tiered system punishes me for living in a rural area, as I have no other options for my utility demands. With the new smart meters I believe an averaging system could be set up, or lower rates for off peak usage should be initiated, giving users in my situation at least the opportunity to cut costs to some extent.

Thanks Ian Hill