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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

BCUC RIB Rate Report

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party?

No

Name (first and last)

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Name (first and last)

Dianne Bowman

Date:

22-Oct-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.

BC Hydro rate conservation threshold:

As a BC Hydro team Power Smart customer, I support the residential 2 tier rates designed to improve customer conservation and increase revenue, however I strongly believe the threshold is set too low to encourage earnest participation. I have reviewed the utility's average provincial consumption usage and allowances for weather fluctuations, but question the data used to determine average use for the tier 1 threshold.

It is set unrealistically low. Many of us actively practice hydro conservation measures and have adopted most, if not all, of the tips posted on BC hydro web site at considerable expense.

Our household experience was posted on BC hydro web site by Nola Poirier April 20, 2009 and commented in BC magazine. at that time, we cut electrical use by 51% and continue to replace appliances and maintain those habits of our 2 person household.

We do not turn on our baseboard heaters and heat with an energy efficient wood stove. Our home is modest, well insulated, newer and windows have been replaced with energy smart models. The list is long, we know all the tips and use them daily, but we have only been able to keep in rate 1 for perhaps 1 billing period of August.

I would also support time of use billing measures if introduced. What I object to is an unattainable threshold level. It needs to be revised about 20% higher to keep customers on board with the whole philosophy.

Sincerely,

Dianne E. Bowman