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This is ~~my second~~ **my second letter of comment**, regarding only BC Hydro's response to the Minister's question #3. We were only asked in mid October for comments on the BC Hydro and FortisBC reports on the impact these rates have had on their customers. My first letter of comment, E-369, was missed out from the proceedings earlier, until I complained in late October. Now it is included but Figure 2 is missing from it.

Regarding Question #3, BC Hydro's analysis is incomplete. In fact BC Hydro or the ministry directing BC Hydro in the 1970s, is responsible for my "high use" of electrical energy. Furthermore, by introducing the RIB rate (two-tier price system), BC Hydro, or the ministry directing it, is again pushing the individual user in the direction it wishes them to go, using financial inducements/penalties.

I am regarded as a high use customer, even though I have a normal house (1400 square feet, one floor plus basement), no swimming pool, no hot tub, only one energy-efficient refrigerator, and no air conditioners. (See E-369 for more details.) This is because I heat the house and water using electrical energy

Why? Because BC Hydro induced a former owner of this house when it was less than 14 years old to switch from oil to electricity. In the 1970s when there was an oil crisis, BC Hydro did everything, including offering financial inducements, to get people on Vancouver Island to switch to electrical energy.

Voluntary non-tiered time-of-use rates are not the correct answer to this. There should be one single rate for all customers at any time. That is what the product you are selling is worth.

