

Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Box 250
Vancouver, BC, Canada V6Z 2N3Phone: 604-660-4700
BC Toll Free: 1-800-663-1385
Fax: 604-660-1102
www.bcuc.com**British Columbia
Utilities Commission**

Letter of Comment

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, to submit a letter of comment concerning an application currently before the Commission, please provide a completed form to commission.secretary@bcuc.com. If email is unavailable, please mail the form to the address above. By doing so, you acknowledge that all letters of comment are published with the author's name as part of the public evidentiary record, both in print copy and on the Commission's website. All personal contact information provided on this page is removed before posting to the website. Forms must be received by the Commission by the last filing date included in the proceeding's regulatory timetable before final arguments.

Proceeding name Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party? Name (first and last) City Province Email Phone number

Letter of Comment

Name (first and last)

Robert & Linda Vogel

Date:

November 12, 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.

We feel that the reports are incorrect in stating that those using more energy are in higher income brackets. It is true that we do heat with electricity as we have chosen not to use fossil fuel to heat with or to heat our hot water. We made this choice as we felt that electricity in BC is a better choice for the environment. Why are electric cars encouraged if this is not the case? WE are paying higher electrical rates because of our choice. Why are we providing free electrical charging stations for electric cars, and subsidizing the purchase of said cars if using electricity is to be discouraged???

We have a very low income - paying higher electrical rates is hitting us really hard. We have changed our bulbs to LED, and try to purchase energy efficient appliances. We keep our thermostat set low. We switched to a heat pump years ago to be more environmentally friendly. WE thought that this would be beneficial to our pocket book as well but in fact it is costing us more to heat our home due to the higher electrical rate structure that has been imposed upon us. I agree that those wasting energy should be encouraged to use less - but what the energy is being used for should be considered before imposing this type of rate structure. Why are we being encouraged to use natural gas to heat our home rather than electricity?