

Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name: **BCUC RIB Rate Report**

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party? [Yes / No]

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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.

[Please write your comments in this box]

I am writing to the BCUC to voice my concern regarding the biased and unprofessional review conducted by both BC Hydro's and FortisBC's to respond to Energy Minister Bennett's questions in this matter.

Both the BC Hydro and FortisBC reports are highly biased reflecting a weak and unprofessional attempt to cover up the truth about the adverse impacts of the two-tier rate structure in BC. In reading over the reports, it is clear to me that both utility companies are self-justifying their current pricing systems, rather than making a fair and reasonable effort to analyze electricity pricing in this province.

In my view neither report answers the questions posed by the Minister of Energy in this matter. BC Hydro's conclusion that there is "no evidence" of cross-subsidization nor high bill impacts is completely unsupported by any analysis and, in fact, is directly contradicted by the many letters of comment that have been submitted to these proceedings. FortisBC's report is equally unsupported and biased.

These self-serving reports are unacceptable as a response to the Minister, and an affront to customers, like me, experiencing discriminatory rates for power. These reports should not be acceptable to BCUC because they do not allow your Commission to fairly answer the Minister's questions. I have personally read Mr. Nick Marty's analysis, and agree that this expert's appraisal is more complete and rationale, and is based on a fair assessment of the facts. I agree with Mr. Marty's assessment of the impacts of two-tier rates on customers like me.

Mr. Marty's report should be the basis of your response to the Minister Bennett.

Yours Truly


Mark McKenney




cc. N Marty, Hon. Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy


