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Subject: Submission deadline Thursday, November 24, 2016 for Utility Report Comments from Stakeholders and Public regarding BCUC RIB Rate Report

British Columbia Utilities Commission Residential Inclining Block Rate Report to the Government of British Columbia ~ Project No.3698845

Attention: Ms. Erica Hamilton and or Laurel Ross-Commission Secretary, David Morton-Chair and CEO, Commissioners: Dennis Cote, Norman MacMurchy, Richard Revel, Bernard Magnan, Howard Harowitz, Karn Keilty, Richard Mason, Douglas Enns, William Everett, Miriam Kresivo.

It is my claim and comprehension of the above that the ratepayer is still being segregated. Equality is an abstract legal figment and the tier financial instrument is evidence of class division which is captured in the eloquent electric tariff document and other such legislative crafting. Certain electrical consumers are being levied an increase or decrease in energy charges depending on their status. Some special interest lobby blocks receive a reward, while others a penalty. In any event the numerous electrical product promoters strongly advocate consumption that naturally has copious taxes attached. Thus the evolution of monetary attachments collect financial percentages, the circle of trade consolidates and business cycles express severe self serving moods swings. The diverse electrical consumer is attempting to maintain a position; a modern standard of living and quality of life in the 21st

century. It appears the consumers' voice on electrical policy depends on their relevance to the economy.

Furthermore it could be construed that prudent run of the river independent power producers and primary electrical producers attempt to achieve a higher rate of return for less production while still achieving preferential disposable monies. These utilities want the freedom of management and access to international revenue at the expense of domestic concerns regardless of the ramifications.

So here one submits to the post era of the 16th century a display of polite demeanor that has been slightly refined and prefers to perform acts of diplomacy to enact electrical policy. In a monopolized structure people of intelligence armed with digital pens are busy crafting bills that deploy financial

bills

of exchange riddled with self interest. I am deeply concerned about the role of government in administering the IPPs, Fortis Inc and BC Hydro as suppliers of a modern necessity and essential electrical service to people of British Columbia.

Playing a role one writes as a residential ratepayer, taxpayer, customer, client and a member of the society of British Columbia only to say I believe there exists a condition of misplaced trust. The public have faithfully trusted too long and for too easily. Due to this condition we have a wide spread situation

that has been allowed to run deep and wide over the decades. This situation travels up and down and to the left and to the right. It has now spread further and infected British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and Fortis Inc. and their supporting tentacles. As a citizen I acknowledge the existence of a compartmental system of governance that willfully compensates the deaf, the blind and the mute.

Politicians and bureaucrats enable the grotesque rape of the public as a human resource and the natural resources in all its constructs via legislation from the top down. For decades even centuries the extent of an assumed ruling class's protocol have systematically exercised a presumed entitlement to control and authority. It appears to be upside down and backwards that we have achieved a new plateau that does not serve the populace with value. In short integrity, truth, honesty and related language are just words when the administration of real property within the jurisdiction of the Province of British Columbia is concerned. The decadence of the few whose reward is self interest is unacceptable at any level within any jurisdiction that administrates regardless if it is for profit or charitable ideals.

The blatant lack of timely, simple and concise dialogue and disclosure and then lack of honorable actions from trusted institutions on behalf of the people is an insult and disgrace. It has been far too long that we the public, through the complexity of governmental operations have allowed local, provincial and federal public representatives to exercise self interest without repercussion. We should not tolerate incompetency or extravagance. According to one economist who stated that "When plunder

becomes a way of life for a group of men in a society, over the course of time they create for themselves a legal system that authorizes it and a moral code that glorifies it." Furthermore "Sometimes the law defends plunder and participates in it. Thus the beneficiaries are spared the shame and danger that their acts would otherwise involve... But how is this legal plunder to be identified? Quite simply. See if the law takes from some persons what belongs to them and gives it to the other persons to whom it doesn't belong. See if the law benefits one citizen at the expense of another by doing what the citizen himself cannot do without committing a crime. Then abolish that law without delay - No legal plunder; this is the principle of justice, peace, order, stability, harmony and logic." A last point of interest would be "When law and morality contradict each other, the citizen has the cruel alternative of either losing his moral sense or losing his respect for the law."

It is my hope that the British Columbia Utilities Commission has the will to say we will not be a party to willful blindness as they address hydro electricity in BC. The population of British Columbia is approximately 4.60 million; some are of age while others are incapacitated due to age thus the voice falls to a small percentage who must do what is right. I am sadden that tens of thousands are complacent and have given up because of mistrust and futility or are have immersed themselves in real life or engaged in alternative activities; in short they are preoccupied with surviving life itself. The under aged or generational unaware sector of the citizenry are not privy to the past, thanks in part to the

minister of the public school curriculum. Collectively we the people must be engaged full time to keep

pace and informed as to what government, the various ministries and the Lieutenant Governor are participating in, purposing and authorizing under Project No.3698845 just to keep on topic. Traditionally this is the sober responsibility of people in trust to administrate, adjudicate and execute on behalf of the people. My point being is that institutions, in this case British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and Fortis Inc. as well as all participating affiliated associates willingly take advantage of a position of trust. There are many men and woman in trusted institutions with positions that are consumed with self interest who conveniently advocate complex ignorance schemes of public policy and procedure. They promote disengagement of the responsible busy citizenry with cumbersome complicated instruments from the paper arsenal to maintain modern slavery and promote ignorance within the ministries that I image are suppose to provide benefit and fortify freedom in terms of life, liberty and security of the person.

The Clean Energy Act and associated carbon credit schemes that extend themselves to a BC energy plan and implementation procedure is full of self interest. Our financial electrical interests are out of control. The advocates of private public partnership contracts favor dispersing control. Monies will always be needed and financial mono institutions at the end of the day will still be compensated. Now regardless of whether it is the Muskrat Falls/lower Churchill River project, the James Bay Hydro Quebec project or specifically speaking BC Hydro on the west coast energy, it is big business having players that are consumed with self interest. In British Columbia the generation, transmission, distribution and administration components of hydro energy are in transition again. BC Hydro is currently developing a Site C project, the smart grid, the smart meter program and the methodology for pricing of electricity which is very disturbing, for it is self serving. The industry of hydro electricity has inconsistencies, inequality and impractical components amongst numerous other issues that lack full disclosure. A hand full of concerned people are discussing and in some cases taking assertive action on the front lines furthering the people awareness. Still on topic for the British Columbia Utilities Commission review process are grants, concessions and credits for electrical industrial consumers throughout BC. It is evident that the increasing burden of debt, restructuring, contracting out, global procurements and divestment of BC Hydro has short and long term ramifications for the people's energy security. Forensic auditing and value to the people must be addressed. The provincial government administration, executives at BC Hydro, IPP, Fortis Inc and the supporting players domestically and internationally need to be curtailed and or be held accountable and liable. This tier system and or modern time of use electrical rate are just another scheme. It complements the continual increases of electrical rates and control. It is another tax/tariff configuration that does not support the fair essential energy survival needs for the people of British Columbia. Further more directly or indirectly, at its worst the capital outlay for conversion to Energy Star/Smart Devices and L.E.D technology does not actually promote conservation of capital or energy. I believe it is just a justifiable excuse to, grow a false economy and extract currency form the pockets of hard working honest British Columbians as they listen to the self interested promoters that use legislation to their advantage. Industrial, institutional, agricultural, residential etc are given tax credits, concessions, grants etc are an ends to a means to serve the self interest of product producers depending on a consumption.

based economy operating through private monolithic protectionism. Therefore the institution of The British Columbia Utilities Commission and its commissioners must seriously examine themselves in the mirror for they too are bureaucrats in positions of trust that serve citizens.
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