

Letter of Comment

Name (first and last)

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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.

I live in [REDACTED] in a home that is more than one hundred years old. [REDACTED] is a small town with a history of inversions and issues with air quality.

My home is more than one hundred years old and has never had any kind of central heating. I heat the home with baseboard heaters. The cost of refitting my home for central heating would be prohibitive even if it is possible so I have been doing what I can to reduce the cost of heating my home. This is particularly important to me as I will be retiring before the end of this year and my income will drop shortly. Unfortunately I think I have reached the limit of what is practical so I will be subject to substantially increased electricity costs in the future as the current rate system seems to be aimed at coercing people to convert from electrical heating so some other form of heating. This is not possible for me and may not be environmentally responsible either.

Unfortunately the current rate system seems a crude system that has no capacity to consider individual or community circumstances. Also while BC Hydro is doing what it can to force me to make an impossible change from electric heat to some form of carbon based heating system in the Lower Mainland it seems to be doing what it can to encourage people to do the opposite and switch from carbon based transportation to electric cars.

This is very frustrating and concerns me that I will be able to afford to heat my home in the coming years.