

Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name: Residential Two-Tier Electricity Rates

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

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Name (first and last): Rhona Martin, Chair of the CSRD Board	Date: November 22, 2016
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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.

Thank you for requesting comments regarding the residential two-tier electricity rates. The Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) Board discussed the request at its November 17, 2016 Board meeting and noted that there are residents in the rural electoral areas that are currently not served by natural gas within the Province. Prices of electric heating are higher, therefore the two tier rate structure is unfair. In light of this, the Board passed the following resolution:

THAT: the Board request that the BC Utilities Commission and Union of BC Municipalities look into eliminating the BC Hydro and Fortis BC two tier rate structure for those areas not currently served by natural gas within the Province.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. The CSRD Board appreciates your attention to the two tier rate structure and hopes to see changes in the future.