



Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party?

 No

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Letter of Comment

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Date:

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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.

Reason for my interest in the proceeding:

Myself and my family of six are residents of this province who use and pay for the above mentioned energy.

Views concerning the proceeding:

The current system allowing two-tier electricity rates are not a proper and fair way to charge the residents of BC. The current system set in place unfairly charges some customers more per person than others.

It does not allow for a fair and reasonable way to encourage our people to properly utilize and conserve energy in their places of residence or other like places.

Relevant information that may support or explain my/our view:

The reason our family and others we have spoken to see it as a system which is currently unbalanced is simply due to the following:

1) A residence of the same size and method of energy use can vary greatly, dependent upon the person(s) using said energy.

For example:

Two houses with the same square footage, the same methods of heating, cooking, etc are built on neighboring lots by the same builder and same methods of construction.

Household "A" has 2 residents who prefer to keep their household at a comfortable 21 degrees celsius through the winter months all day, every day.

They also leave exterior lighting (incandescent or similar) on throughout the night for the added security it gives them. It is also common to leave the tv and or radio on for their household pet, just incase they may feel lonely.

It is not uncommon for the residents of household "A" to have a relaxing bath or perhaps even hop in the hot tub for a while....

Suffice to say, they live comfortably and have every right to do so.

Household "B" has a total of 5 residents. They keep their heat at a comfortable, but lower 18-19 degrees celcius through the winter months. They have also chosen to insure through a system of their choice to keep less used areas of the house at an even cooler temperature unless there is a need to have it warmer. As well, they choose to have the house temperature even cooler when they are not at home through the day.

They have decided to be sure that they use efficient lighting throughout the house. They have employed the use of led or cf lighting, as well as dimming controls and motion controls in various areas.

The areas where people typically forget to turn off lighting are backed up by motion control or timers.

As well, a quick shower is a more common thing for this household as opposed to a long hot bath.

The pet, well it seems content without electronics being on while no one else is home.

Suffice to say, they also live comfortably, however, easily more efficiently and practical than household "A"

Conclusion:

It seems to me that more effort is required to "even out the playing field" so to speak.

The system, as it is currently set, seems to heavily favor households with less residents, even though, on a per person basis, they may be much less efficient.

If a two tiered system is deemed necessary, then more effort should be taken to discover who is being more efficient and rewarding them appropriately.

Perhaps the use of a "per capita" two tiered system may be a more fair and rewarding system for all. This as well as other similar measures should be taken to help foster a more equal system within our province.