

Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name: BCUC RIB Rate Report

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party? *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.

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Firstly, I would like to add that if this request is determined as late, although I believe the submission is prior to the deadline of November 24, 2016, then I would now request with respect, an extension. This is based on the rationale that as a member of the public and Hydro customers, I only just found out about this review process recently by word and mouth of the community I reside in.

My main comments are as follows:

After reading BC Hydro's and FortisBC's reports, I have come to the conclusion that both reports are biased. As well, both reports appear to cover up the truth about the adverse impacts of the two-tier rates. Neither report directly answers the questions posed by the Minister. BC Hydro's conclusion that there is "no evidence" of cross-subsidization nor high bill impacts is unsupported by any analysis and, in fact, is directly contradicted by the many letters of comment that have been submitted to these proceedings. Both reports are unacceptable as a response to the Minister. Nick Marty is an outside expert on these matters and he has sent you a clear and concise report that honestly appraises the impacts of two-tier rates on customers like myself. I strongly submit that Nick Marty's report should be the basis of your response to the Minister.

As a customer, living in [REDACTED] using a geothermal system and doing my utmost through other means to reduce hydro consumption (transferred to LED lights) and support the environment, I am very disappointed to find continued high electricity bill rates which does not include the additional \$275 quarterly fee for supporting the geothermal "loop" in my community.

The two-tiered residential conservation rate does not help in conserving electricity for customers like myself. The current step 1 rate is also high enough to entice people to continue to conserve power where they can.