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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name: RIB / Residential Conservation Rate Report (BCUC RIB Rate Report)

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party? No

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Name (first and last): Anne Marie Kirby

Date: 24-Nov-16

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.

We bought a house in 2012 that was built in 2008. It has geothermal heating and 2 gas fireplaces. While the house is double the size of our previous house, our electric bill is more than 5 times our previous house.

We as citizens have been lead to belief by our government that geothermal heating and alternate heating sources that do not use fossil fuels are the preferred method of heating yet we are being punished because we also need to use electricity to run the heat pump and equipment.

The RIB / Residential Conservation Rate, is a discriminatory rate structure that dis-benefits BC citizens that are trying to do the right thing to improve climate change.

We have been told that Geothermal heat pumps are the most efficient way to heat and cool a home. They leverage solar energy stored in the earth and therefore are considered a renewable energy source.

We request that homes with climate change friendly infrastructure receive a preferred rate or there is no point in investing in the high cost of the installation. We would not do it again in building a new home.

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