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## Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name:BCUC RIB Rate

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*[Please write your comments in this box]*

1. I sat down several times to write to you. The form to submit was not easily found and when found it didn't open so I had to call BCUC to email me the form. I wonder how many people gave up and didn't call you? I do hope you will simplify the procedure in future as those who are affected the most are disenfranchised from the process when it is made difficult for them.

2. I write on behalf of myself, semi retired on a fixed income and my brother who has had a head injury since 1991 and been on a fixed CPP income since then. My niece is a single working Mom of two and has just recently taken in a room mate to cover raising expenses.

3. Our current provincial government "families first" has not provided for our every day working families here in BC. Why would they allow the Energy Co's to levy higher rates during the times families need the power the most? (TWO tiered levies) Canadians own these resources and should enjoy premium rates, not global rates. This kind of thinking is causing unrest globally. Brexit, US elections, people all over the world have indicated with their voting power the systems in place are not working for the average citizen.

4. Demographically we are an aging society. With so many on fixed incomes shouldn't there be provision to allow us to heat our homes inexpensively? At a reasonable rate? Our incomes don't increase at the rate of inflation. What is a person to do? How long can ones retirement dollars last? When does a person living on a marginal disability budget get pushed under? My brother lives on \$800.00/mo.he is hanging by a thread and will be homeless should a energy company demand payment for unreasonable increases.

5. Every time I go out I see more people living on the streets. Our social fabric is falling apart at an alarming rate. Basic living expenses are too great for more and more people. We continue to create more conditions that put working people on the street, have you seen the line ups at the food banks? So many families and working poor. How does the government expect Canadians to survive? We are one paycheque away from homelessness and yet we continue to give tax dollars to other countries. MSP premiums will increase this year as will ICBC premiums. How much can one absorb on a fixed income before we start eating poorly, then tax the medical system with unnecessary health care problems?

6. Air quality is affected as people in my area are an older demographic or young families who have moved here for affordable housing and many have wood burning fire places to heat their homes. On an overcast day the smoke stays in the air and creates a fog of smoke and it's unsavory and dangerous to breath. This contributes to climate change problem as well as health issues.

7. I have written about many things in this submission as all things are connected. To look at any system in isolation will create skewed results. Family budgets are taxed more than ever before, the Provincial government must take this into consideration before allowing Utilities to increase rates and should take a hard look at the two tiered system currently in place. Canadians own our natural resources so it is right we

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have a say in how these resources are meted out.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Bleiler