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Utilities Commission**

Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

BCUS RIB Rate

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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.

I write this letter to the commission because I am a rural resident and any changes to the present energy rate system will affect my family.

Please be advised that I wish to register my strong opposition to the proposal to have a two tiered electricity and natural gas rates in British Columbia.

Rural areas should not be discriminated against again, simply because of our lower density. The rural areas generally provide the resources that fuel the BC economy. The rural areas provide the storage for the water for electricity generation. Most, if not all, of the natural gas comes from rural areas.

Massive land tracts in the north and rural area's are used for the power transmissions and pipe lines that take these resources to the higher density locations in the south.

Dual rates would have a detrimental effect on our industries, and make many uncompetitive. There are already many pressures on industry and many communities have lost major primary industries. Rural area's welcome most industry to locate in our areas. Whereas many lower mainland communities are objecting to these industries there.

I also strongly object to those of us in northern climates would be penalized under a two tiered system.

Could you imagine what would happen if everyone in the rural area's moved to the urban area's, who would work to provide the resources (including energy) that the entire province needs.

I don't know about you, but I certainly do not want to have a system and resulting problems that Ontario has, where many rural residents cannot afford to pay for electricity.

Yours truly,

Brian J. Northup.