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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

BCUC Rib Rate Report

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Date:

23 November, 2016

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Dear Secretary of BC Utilities Commission,

It is very frustrating trying to maintain information with this Commission when attachments cannot be opened because of incompatibility between computer programs. Attempting to send by email using the PDF program, is an exercise in futility.

I have written previously to the commission to voice my concern about the uneven, two-tiered system of billing, that Fortis applies to our electricity consumption.

I listed the advantages that larger metropolitan areas have with access to natural gas and water to maintain a substantially lower usage of electricity.

In rural areas we must rely on electricity in the absence of natural gas, hence, we have a higher usage.

We should not be penalized with a two-tiered billing system.

The commuter that travels a great distance to and from work, pays only for the fuel he uses. He does not have to pay a higher fee per litre over a certain limit.

I feel that Fortis in their report to the Minister is remiss that customers like myself are **not** impacted with the higher costs of the two-tiered billing.

The questions from the Minister were sidestepped by Fortis and not answered directly. I believe the reports from Fortis are acceptable.

I fear that if the commission continues to ask customers for their comments multiple times, I worry that fewer and fewer people will answer. If we don't respond with a united voice, this would then justify Fortis with their position that people are not adversely affected, as no one complained.

Many points in Nick Marty's report to the Commission echo my own. I feel strongly that he can voice for many of us the effects of the higher costs associated with the two-tiered system.

I propose that the Minister should use Marty's report as evidence of hardships experienced by Fortis customers under the two-tiered system of billing.

Thank you.

Donna Anderson