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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

Nelson Hydro 2017 Rate Application

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party?

No

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Date:

22-Feb-17

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.

Re: Nelson Hydro 2017 Rate Application

I am a Nelson Hydro customer. I am concerned about the Nelson Hydro 2017 rate increase. I heat with electricity. My last bill was \$785. The new rate increase would increase this to over \$800.

In 2015 the yearly electricity bill was \$3000 and was 10% of income. This is energy poverty. I will continue to be in energy poverty.

I have been trying to use a space heater now, and will see if that decreases the cost. Heating with a space heater is not effective in very cold weather.

I support an audit of Nelson Hydro by BCUC. Nelson Hydro does many things now it did not do in the past, regarding energy conservation. I do not think it is fair that long-time area seniors who have been Nelson Hydro customers for a long time and always paid their bills and who are unable to further energy-efficient their home and have health concerns are penalized for heating with electricity. I do not think it fair that long time low-income customers who cannot make homes more energy efficient subsidize those able to afford shares in the solar garden project.

I am concerned about energy poverty for Nelson Hydro customers.

Thank you,

Christina Postnikoff

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