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Proceeding name: BCUC Regulation of Electric Vehicle Charging Service Inquiry

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

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I'd like to thank you all for the opportunity to voice my concerns. Firstly I'd like to say thank-you to FBC, and those parties that have help bring Quick charging to our area. However, I would like to bring to the commission and FBC's attention that not all electric vehicles are new, and that in the winter time most EVs will charge at a reduced charge rate. FBC's by the minute/second billing makes its charging network far to expensive for those who have older EVs, or for EVs being operated in the winter time. FBC should take note that there are vehicles that are already 7 years old on our roads, and that during the planned 10 year life of their chargers, they will likely see many more. I understand that part of FBC's concerns are people leaving their vehicles plugged in after charging is complete. I would submit to them that this is likely not going to be an issue, as those who use quick chargers on or near highways are using them because they are in a hurry to carry on to their destination. At this point, you should know that my car, sadly is one of those older, 2011 Nissan LEAFs with a significantly degraded battery. This gives me the ability to show a side of EV ownership that isn't based on brand new vehicle tech specs and reviews. It is also why I would suggest that a more balanced approach be taken such as those used at DCFCs operating in other parts of the province. A minimum charge, and then actual billing for the power supplied. I have attached a screen shot of my charging session at the charger in Christina Lake that shows this problem definitively. The amount that I was billed would have been enough for me to buy gasoline for my 2005 Prius to make the round trip journey from Grand Forks to Christina lake almost twice. But what I received was enough electricity to cover half of my trip home. If FBC is serious about aiding in the deployment of Electric Vehicles in the region, and enjoys the thoughts of the Carbon Credits that it will receive from this project, it should make their network, and billing practices something that would encourage use, and not work against what the other stake holders and EV drivers have been trying to do - spread the word of affordability and sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Tom



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Park name:	FortisBC - Christina Lake Welcome Centre
Station name:	AAC-00031
Session start date:	2018-01-21 10:18:23
Session end date:	2018-01-21 10:42:52
Energy used:	3.341 kWh
Session duration:	00:24:28 sec.
Session cost:	6.55 \$
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BC GST 5% #788723492RT0001	0.33 \$
Total cost:	7.34 \$
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