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**Proceeding name:** Nelson Hydro 2018 Rate Application

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

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**Comment:**

I think the city is using part of my rural electric bill to pay for city items that should be paid for by city taxpayers

With a family history going back to the beginning of Nelson hydro, and cheap power, in recent years my electric costs have doubled, yet Nelson's population has been virtually unchanged. What is responsible for all these huge rate increases?

Do Nelson hydro rates represent the fair and realistic cost of maintaining and properly managing an electric utility or am I as a rural customer paying for city costs that should be city taxpayer funded?

I paid dearly for my rural connection requiring several thousands for all necessary costs. Rural customers are an income to the city for their good fortune to be able to sell clean green electricity, something other cities don't have. Do I have choice? BC Hydro would be far cheaper.

This mayor and council should be thankful rural Nelson hydro customers are helping to pay their bills.

I think Nelson hydro needs to be separated from the mayors feel good projects and concentrate on running the electric utility. These political projects of the mayors should be funded by taxpayers in the city, not rural electric customers. What value are solar panels at the dam that I will pay full retail for? The planned district energy system burning wood to heat hot water? the city internet? all under Nelson hydro management. Where is the line between what Nelson hydro pays for and the city taxpayer? Am I paying for city projects with my electric bill? It sure feels like it.