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Proceeding name: FortisBC Inc. 2017 Cost of Service Analysis & Rate Design

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

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Comment:

I am a customer of Fortis and wish to have my comments considered by the BCUC. I support the concept of Time of Day rates as they can, if reasonably designed, result in improved management of peak power demand that ultimately should result in lower rates for customers. Given that Fortis has installed the digital meters, and has incorporated the costs in its rate base, it is important that Fortis table rates that will be accepted by the majority of customers so that the benefits of the meters can be realized and provide lower annual costs for customers. I believe that the proposed rates will not achieve the above noted objectives as the rates proposed will not be accepted by a majority of customers as the time frames for on peak rates are very wide, far exceeding the requirement for peak power demand management. During the winter, weekday period peak prices are in effect for 13 hours per day, this covers not only peak period time for normal living requirements. Even devoted conservationist would have difficulty carrying on a normal living standard with this pricing policy. A more acceptable peak price period would be in the range of 4pm to 7 pm, and the morning period, if required at all, could be 7 am to 9 am. This would leave time for family related power consumption activities. During the summer period the peak prices are between noon to 9 pm, effectively capturing the majority of the air conditioning load, this could be reduced to 4 pm to 7 pm so that it did not coincide with dinner preparation. Essentially, I believe that the proposed rates do not take into account human factors, consequently they will not be accepted voluntarily and should never be implemented arbitrarily as tabled. As a result there will be limited reduction in peak power demand and no reduction in customer costs going forward. I request that the BCUC take my concerns to the Hearing. I have contacted Fortis directly but have had no response re my concerns. Thankyou David DeBiasio