



Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

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Letter of Comment

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Nicholas Marty

Date:

September 19, 2016

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BC Hydro's request for an extension on filing their report should be denied. The deadline for submitting the report has already been postponed once at BC Hydro's request and they have provided no explanation as to why they are unable to meet the new deadline.

FortisBC's report has presumably been completed and is ready for filing. They should be ordered to file it immediately.

BC Hydro, FortisBC and the BCUC are all acting as if there is no urgency in reporting back to the Minister on the questions that he posed on July 6, 2015 concerning the impacts of the RIB and RCR on residential consumers of electricity -- even though this request was made 14 months ago! If it wasn't evident at the outset of these proceedings, the numerous letters of comment from customers without access to natural gas make it clear that the two-tier pricing system is failing to encourage useful conservation; actually increasing greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants; and is imposing discriminatory and punitive rates on a small segment of customers that are way above the cost of generating electricity.

Rather than agreeing to further postponements in this report, the BCUC should take immediate steps to: (i) fast track the process and (ii) provide intermediate rate relief, throughout the coming winter, to unfairly impacted customers by suspending, for them, the second tier rate.