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Stakeholder in RIB Rate Report

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British Columbia Utilities Commission  
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Attention: Ms. Laurel Ross, Acting Commission Secretary and Director

**Re: BC Hydro Extension Request to September 30, 2016**

I am writing as a stakeholder in this process to take contravention to the request made by BC Hydro for another extension. Since their letter was dated and sent on their due date, this was not a request for an extension; they are simply taking it. This maneuver of theirs does make a ridicule of the BC Utilities Commission.

Both electrical utility companies have already been granted a rather long period of extension and it should be, becoming apparent that they are attempting to keep the tier 2 rate alive as long as they possibly can. This is becoming apparent because BC Hydro is a rather larger corporation that can put a sufficient effort to a task to complete it on time; if they want to. In the very least, if there is some valid unknown reason that they have not provided for an extension, they certainly could make a request in sufficient time before the due date to allow time for a response. That makes their 'request' a mockery.

At this very late stage of this process they can have no other reason for an extension other than to drag out the process as long as possible; likely to get another rich winter of the tier 2 rate. This behaviour of theirs makes one wonder if this present rate structure has actually been revenue neutral. Fortis BC also provides no reason; only that they will wait for 'big brother'.

Because of this mockery that these companies are making of this process, that is so important to so many peoples' financial situation, I request (and again recommend as in my report) that the BC Utilities Commission order an immediate moratorium on the tier 2 rate until this process is finished. If there is a temporary loss of revenue to these companies, then they can make it up later with a rate rider as done in other jurisdictions, such as in Alberta. After all, they will have brought this on themselves by their absolute lack of cooperation in this process. Otherwise, a lot of people will continue to be hurt this winter.

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