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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

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Letter of Comment

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Michael Wheatley

Date:

6-Jun-16

Comment: Please specify the reasons for your interest in the proceeding, your views concerning the proceeding, any relevant information that supports or explains your views, the conclusion you support and any recommendations. The Commission may disallow comments that do not comply with the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Net metering was adopted in BC shortly after a second request was submitted by me to the BCUC and BC Hydro was directed to develop a tariff.

I understand that Fortis is requesting a significant reduction in the amount paid for power provided by net metered customers.

I support the comments and requests made Andy Shadrack and others, dated 2016-05-18, in their letter of comment.

Rather than reducing the amount paid, I suggest the amount paid should be increased to the cost of new generation. This would be a bargain for the utility as this distributed production of power requires less distribution through the larger network. In addition, the payments should apply to all power produced by the net metered customer where dual meters are installed.

It would be highly inappropriate to allow any reduction in the rate paid to customers who have invested in systems.

Michael Wheatley