



## Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name: Request for Comments on Residential Inclining Block Electricity Rates

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party? [ Yes / No ]

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Name (first and last): James Thornton

Date: July 19, 2016

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.

*[Please write your comments in this box]*

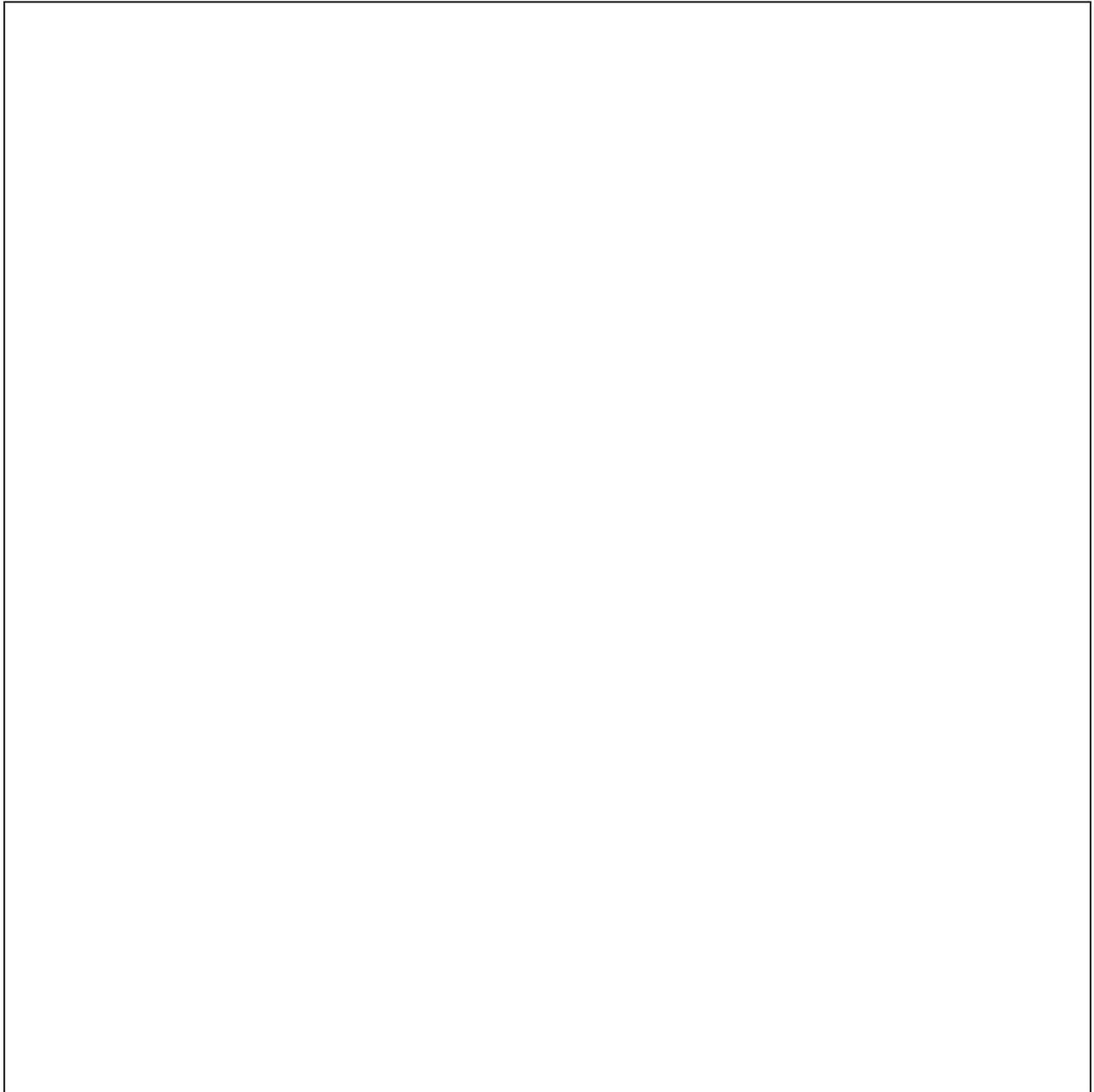
The reason for my interest in the proceeding is that I have a modern (2008, 2,700 sq. ft. on two floors), high efficiency home with a heat pump and electric hot water tank, no access to natural gas, am extremely conscious of conserving energy use and my FortisBC electricity bill for the billing period DEC-16-2015 to FEB-16-2016 was \$989.31.

I view this as usurious.

There are two possible solutions, one is easier and quicker than the other.

- a) Fortis natural gas could run a line to my home and provide a rebate to retrofit a new natural gas furnace and hot water tank.
- b) Fortis BC electricity could provide all of my electricity at the 2015 Block 1 rate, and I can continue to use my existing furnace and hot water tank powered by clean, sustainable hydro-electric power.

In a perfect world, either of these options would take place prior to my purchasing and installing a wood stove as a lower cost heat source, and prior to the 2017 provincial election.



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