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Utilities Commission**

Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

residential inclining block electricity rate

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party?

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Date:

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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.

When I moved to Barriere where there is no Natural Gas I realized how unfair this system is to people using electric heat which is our only realistic heat. When we built our house I actually called BC Hydro to find the most efficient heating system and was told to go with in floor hot water heat which I installed according to their recommendations. I have R40 walls (ICF construction) and over two feet of ceiling insulation along with triple pane windows. I am still well above the base rate even in summer with no air conditioning and no use of a clothes dryer as we line dry outside. Talking to other people I have found that even with summer with no heat or air conditioning in small houses it is not possible to stay within the base rate. Maybe with an apartment. If nobody is ever home. The base rate should be set up to be more realistic and for places with no natural gas then a second, much higher base rate should be in place to take into account heating. I have always understood that the BCUC's purpose was to make sure utility rates are fair. Presently it is not at all fair where there is no natural gas and people are forced to have electric heat.