



## Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

Request for Comments on Residential Inclining Block Electricity Rates

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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.

Dear Ms Ross

Regarding the impact that the second tier of hydro tariff.

As I am a customer of Hydro that lives in the [REDACTED] district of British Columbia, I am all to aware of the impact of reaching the higher tier tariff. In [REDACTED] we do not benefit from having natural gas, we can if we choose have Propane , however to get this installed is very expensive, I also think that it is not as efficient as natural gas, so our choice is very limited.

I have experienced very high Hydro prices with one of my Bills being around the \$1200.00 mark. We are very careful about how we use the Hydro, but with a fairly large house, Children and grand Children it is very difficult to be as economical as we would like to be.

I do not have many solutions to try and ease this; I am also very aware that as a business you have to make a profit and are beholden to your stakeholders, that is fair. However as a rural customer with very little choice other than Hydro, I for one would find it very beneficial if Hydro would substantially raise the threshold for the second tier, it would make paying bills and juggling finances less stressful.

I understand that this would be a bold move but the households that you do supplying rural areas often have no alternative but to use Hydro, I have heard it said that it is like being held to ransom, on a personal level I do not believe this as I think that Hydro is a very responsible company that tries to do the best for their customers, I also believe that its stance on the environment is a good one.

I am not quite sure if there are certain times of day that power is cheaper, In the UK where I emigrated from we had a cheaper tariff through the night say from 10 pm till 06:00 hrs, this enabled things like laundry to be done through the night, Timers can be used on appliances etc. This would be very beneficial too.

Many thanks for your invitation to comment on this subject.

I look forward ( hopefully) to lower tariffs in the future.

Kind regards

Tim Whitehead