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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name: Two-tier Electrical Power Rate System

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

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| Name (first and last): Robin Stille | |
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Name (first and last): Robin Stille

Date: August 8, 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.

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Dear BC Utilities Commission,

My husband and I are moving to Nakusp this August and are seriously concerned about how the two-tier electrical rates will affect our heating costs.

As you are aware, natural gas is currently unavailable in Nakusp and is unlikely to be available any time in the near future.

It is patently unfair that the two-tier electrical rates be applied to utility customers living in communities with no access to natural gas. While we personally strive to reduce the amount of electricity we use, we know that it will be difficult when electrical heat registers become our primary source of heat.

To that effect, we urge you to exempt utility customers living in communities with no access to natural gas from the two-tier electrical rates or raise the step-1 threshold for these customers so that they may heat their homes without undue hardship.

Sincerely,

Robin Stille