

Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name: Residential conservation Rate or RCR

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

Yes

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Date: August 10 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]

We are residential electricity customers of BC Hydro without access to natural gas, living in the North Thompson Valley north of Kamloops. We are a retired couple living on fixed incomes and have owned our home since 1988. Our home is approximately 1200 square feet, with partial unfinished basement.

We live on a small acreage and replaced our old oil furnace with an outdoor wood heater (electric back up) in 2002. As we are now 66 and 72 and it is getting more difficult to collect our own firewood and are very concerned for the future of remaining in our home.

Our house was built in the 1950's however we totally renovated in 2002. At that time we replaced all windows with energy efficient windows, all new insulation up to current requirements. We have an energy efficient hot water heater which is also double wrapped with insulation. We use Energy efficient LED lights, but I should also note my husband has advanced glaucoma and requires a lot of artificial light in order to be able to see.

We grow all of our own meat chickens, eggs, turkeys and large gardens to assist in the cost of healthy living. We preserve or freeze our meats and produce and do our utmost to leave as small a carbon foot print as possible.

We are using gravity feed water so there is no electricity usage for well pumps for household use or irrigation.

Using the tiered pricing system we pay an additional 50% more than people who have access to natural gas. We are being penalized for something that is out of our control.

We concur with others who suggest that the block one be increased by the kWh's used to heat an average home and hot water with electricity (only for customers who have no alternative). Then after this the second tier could apply which could encourage conservation.

Thank you for allowing us to comment and explain our position on this issue.