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## Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

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Name (first and last)

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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.

I was compelled to respond to the Request for Comments on the Residential two-tier electricity rates because I own a home that has no gas service and uses electricity as its only source of energy. Fortunately, I live in Penticton, where the city has its own electrical infrastructure and currently does not have a two tier rate. I shudder at the thought of what my energy bill would be if I lived outside the city with service from FORTIS. My average consumption over a 12 year period by month is: January - 3699; February - 3312; March - 2427; April - 1739; May - 1413; June - 2506; July - 2440; August - 2051; September - 1414; October - 1768; November - 3348; December - 4734.

My house is heated with a heat pump and forced air electric furnace. There is also a legal secondary suite on the same meter, with a ductless heat pump and back up electric baseboard heaters. Each housing unit has A/C with the heat pump as well as each with electric hot water tanks, kitchen appliances(ovens, cooktops, microwaves, refrigerators, freezers,and the like), bathroom exhaust fans. There is a swimming pool with electric water heater.

To help reduce power consumption, the heat pumps and furnaces have been recently installed. Old aluminum framed windows have been replaced using Canadian and provincial government incentive programs and Fortis low interest loans were utilized. Bulbs are being replaced with LED's. Lots of other things have been done as per the recommendations from a home energy audit.

I believe electricity is one of the most environmentally sustainable energy sources and I am please to be an electricity consumer. But I find it appalling that folks who have no choice are penalized with the higher rates.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment.