

**BC Hydro 2015 Rate Design Application**

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**QUESTION:**

What is BC Hydro doing to improve the ECAP application rate in Zone IB and Zone II?

**RESPONSE:**

BC Hydro has a number of initiatives to promote ECAP and support local conservation efforts in Zone 1B and Zone II.

- Coastal First Nations – Great Bear Initiative Community Energy Facilitator: BC Hydro has provided three years of funding towards this position, which supports Coastal First Nation communities in driving energy efficiency and managing energy at the community-scale.
- Coordination between organizations supporting First Nations housing and energy: An informal group (including Ministry of Energy and Mines, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, BC Hydro, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, CMHC, FortisBC, Fraser Basin Council) meets quarterly to identify opportunities to increase coordination of and support for housing and energy-related projects on-reserve.
- Kwadacha/Fort Ware: BC Hydro funded previous work in the Nation including an Energy Champion position and deep retrofits to 11 homes and also supported the development and adoption of energy efficient housing policy. BC Hydro is currently in discussions with the community to support more DSM activities (including how to support housing retrofits that are planned with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada funding/ECAP upgrades, implementation of energy efficient housing policy, Energy Champion, and education/training to build energy literacy and capacity around community energy management).
- Tsay Keh Dene: BC Hydro is currently in discussions with the community to create a multi-year plan to support ongoing DSM activities (e.g., resident engagement, housing retrofits/ECAP, development, adoption and implementation of energy efficient housing policy, Energy Champion, and education/training to build energy literacy and capacity around community energy management).
- Skidegate Band: BC Hydro provided over \$75,000 in incentives through the Home Renovation Rebate Program to support the installation of heat pumps in 97 homes in the community. BC Hydro is currently in discussions with the community around the potential for further home energy upgrades and incentives.