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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name: Residential Inclining Block Electrical Rates

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

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As a new home builder/owner in the Town of Golden. Chose low efficiency forced air furnace options as cost of propane reflects stage 2 of the electrical rate. Hence applied the extra cost to adequate electrical baseboard heating and forced air for abnormal weather conditions. A second choice option but realistic alternative of natural gas unavailable. The step 2 rate is set to low for areas where natural gas is unavailable. Feel that as a home owner I am being forced to pay the maximum energy costs to the Utility Co. (BC Hydro a corporation that is to react and support the interests of BC residents) and the local propane supply co.
It should not be a difficult calculation to set a rate for affected communities that would establish a step 2 electrical rate compared to natural gas and energy requirements for the average size newer energy efficient home.
The natural gas distribution system was managed, operated and system design by at the time a Crown Corporation, one might ask where was the Utilities commission and the Gov't of the day in forward planning.
I feel disadvantaged choosing to live in an area that is not serviced.

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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.

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