

Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Box 250
Vancouver, BC, Canada V6Z 2N3Phone: 604-660-4700
BC Toll Free: 1-800-663-1385
Fax: 604-660-1102
www.b cuc.com**British Columbia
Utilities Commission**

Letter of Comment

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, to submit a letter of comment concerning an application currently before the Commission, please provide a completed form to commission.secretary@bcuc.com. If email is unavailable, please mail the form to the address above. By doing so, you acknowledge that all letters of comment are published with the author's name as part of the public evidentiary record, both in print copy and on the Commission's website. All personal contact information provided on this page is removed before posting to the website. Forms must be received by the Commission by the last filing date included in the proceeding's regulatory timetable before final arguments.

Proceeding name

FortisBC Inc. Project No. 3698875: Net Metering Project Tariff Update Application

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party?

No

Name (first and last)

Patrick Mallet

City

[REDACTED]

Province

BC

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone number

[REDACTED]

Letter of Comment

Name (first and last)

Patrick Mallet

Date:

7 September 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.

British Columbia Utilities Commission
Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Box 250
Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3

7 September 2016

Attention: Ms. Laurel Ross, Acting Commission Secretary and Director By Electronic Filing

Re: FortisBC Inc. Project No. 3698875: Net Metering Project Tariff Update Application

Dear Ms. Ross,

Thanks for the opportunity to submit comments on this application from FortisBC. I was unable to transmit these comments through the pdf file export so am emailing directly. My wife and I are resident in Kaslo, BC and are FortisBC customers. We installed a solar PV array on our house in the spring of this year and have connected it into the grid for net metering. At this stage we have not finalised our agreement with FortisBC for net metering but are in the process and have been in communication with FortisBC. In those communications, in the spring of this year, we did not discuss the rate of compensation for power we are producing. We assumed that the rate would be as stated (retail rate) and made the investment in our system partially on that basis. Additionally, we were not advised by FortisBC about the appropriate size of our system though we did aim to install a system that will cover our power needs on an annualized basis.

It does seem to me to be counterintuitive for FortisBC to be seeking a lower rate of return for Net Metering customers when we are lowering their power load in a way that allows them to forego any infrastructure investments.

Thanks for considering this input

Kind regards,

Patrick Mallet