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Letter of Comment

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Grant Montgomery

Date:

16-Oct-16

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I live in a rural area with no access to natural gas. I have reviewed the reports of both BC Hydro and Fortis. In my opinion these reports were written with their response already determined and then they put their research together to support their answers. I doubt few, if any, of the people who had any major impact in their reports actually live in areas without the natural gas.

I feel one of the major questions should have been: What major impact has the two tiered system had on being an incentive for those who have natural gas for heat and hot water to lower their electrical consumption? Answer - none. They have received lower bills at thanks to the rural folks subsidizing their bills.

Yes many people in Canada have children that live in their homes still. This is a point? They are blaming the children! Damn kids - ship them all away.

A simple solution to this inequality in billing that now exists is to merely have two systems in place. One for those with natural gas and one for those without. This would still provide the same income but would be a fairer distribution of the income received. It would also put more ownous on those with natural gas to conserve.

For those with natural gas lower their tier before they start getting billed at the higher rate and raise the tier for those of us that don't have natural gas. It seems like such a simple solution to make the system fairer while encouraging all to conserve electrical demands.

One of the other downsides of this rate system is the increase of wood burning for heat and in some cases even hot water. All this talk about the carbon footprint, etc. and this system only increases the footprint.

In my case it is actually cheaper for me to go away for the winter. The offsetting savings in my power bills pay for my hotel accommodation in the winter months. Perhaps there is some benefit to this system after all.