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# Letter of Comment

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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 am responding to your advert in my local paper for comments about the two-tier electricity rates. As I understand it the purpose of the new rate was to encourage conservation. The Fortis information form stated that if I used less than 2500 kWh every two months I would have lower bills. However when my first bill came in on the new system I saw that the conservation rate had been set at 1600 kWh and so my bill for the first period increased from \$3,100 in 2011 to \$3,700 in 2012 – a 20% increase – talk about taxation without representation! This two tier system is unfair because it takes no account of house size or how many people are in the house using electricity. My house has six bedrooms with six people using the services so I will consume more electricity – is this a sin that needs to be punished. I had an old rental unit in downtown Penticton with baseboard heaters, which are very inefficient, but because the bill was less than 1600 kWh there was no need to improve or conserve. I fail to see how this new system encourages conservation and if you have a large house well then just pay up even if you are consuming less power per person than a smaller house! I already pay a large property tax for my home so I don't need to be taxed again! Surely any conservation system must be a reflection of building size and per capita usage. Finally where is the morality of saying that the flat rate will be fixed at 2,500 kWh for every two month period and then actually fixing it at 1,600 kWh. I believe the two tier system is just another tax grab and should be abolished..