Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name:Resiential Inclining Block Rate Report

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I have tried to read through the Fortis BC and the BC Hydro Reports and I am trying to understand what they are actually saying. I read that they agree that people that don't have access to natural gas pay a lot more for heat production to heat their houses via electrical baseboard heating. Then I read that this is not affecting low income customers.

Their reports mention high rate users have hot tubs or swimming pools, multiple computers and tv's and are big houses in square footage. I don't a hot tub/swimming pool or multiple computers/tv's and my house is only 2100 square feet and my electric bills are outrages during the cooler months of the year. I am not exaggerating this fact because I just moved to this area from the lower mainland where I had access to natural gas and used it to heat my previous home. I have never had combined electricity/gas bills that even compare to my electrical bills in [redacted]

I can't do anything else to get my bills down except to live in the dark wearing 3-4 layers of clothes. I'm sure people with access to natural gas to heat their homes don't feel this way. There are people in rural [redacted] who have installed electrical furnaces in their homes and refuse to turn them on because of the cost to do so, that to me is living proof that the block 2 hydro rates for people without access to natural gas is a hardship.

I totally disagree with BC Hydro and Fortis BC reports that this is not creating a hardship for the end users of electricity. There is something wrong with this block billing system. Hopefully someone in the commission will be able to go to work for the non-natural gas consumer and go through the BC Hydro and Fortis BC reports and listen to the end users with no access to natural gas and see the hardships this is causing.

My current electricity bills are creating a hardship for me and my wife.

Thanks,
Reg Forster

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