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## Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name:James Van Alstyne

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There are three basics of life, food, clothing, and shelter. When motor cars, telegraph, telephones, hydro power were invented, they were a novelty, but as society evolved, these and many other inventions became essential to society as we now know it. Governments are a necessity, but have an insatiable appetite for money to spend, and not always in ways that are good for all citizens. So it didn't take politicians long to figure out how to cash in on these necessities, {read tax}.

It would seem that Hydro customers are being made to pay for Hydro's mismanagement, and mistakes. EG: the \$700,000,000 of power given to California, or the one billion dollars spent on Smart Meters.

Customers are paying "delivery charges" for power. Unlike a truck delivering furnace oil, it costs nothing to deliver power to a customer, so why the charge? I find it unconstitutional, that some bureaucrat can arbitrarily pick a number, and say if you exceed that number, you must pay almost double for the excess amount. If the idea is to encourage conservation, then why are all floors of multi storied office buildings in Vancouver illuminated at night?

We don't mind paying a reasonable price for what we consume, but we find this two tiered system to be unfair, unreasonable, and unconstitutional, and should be rescinded.

The ad Hydro is running, about the woman washing clothes, and using cold water to save electricity is bunk. If the ad showed her using low heat in her clothed dryer instead of high, the ad would be true. This just goes to show that Hydro isn't always truthful.

J.G. Van Alstyne

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