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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

Fortis BC Inc Annual Review 2017 Rates

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party?

No

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Date:

23-Nov-16

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 a Fortis BC customer in an area where Natural Gas is not available. I object to further rate increases and the two tier system for the following reasons:

1. Violation of the Constitution Act:

“Legal Rights - Life, Liberty and Security of Person

#7. Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.”

Being forced to pay continually rising electrical rates in order to heat our homes is in direct violation of:

- (a) The right to life - in Canada having no heat can be life threatening;
- (b) Security of the person - having no electricity because one has to chose between groceries, rent or electricity does not provide any security at all.

2. With the two tier system I am forced to pay an additional .05353 per kWh for no reason other than I live in the wrong area. On my last bill alone this comes out to an additional \$58.09 that I paid, and this is during the summer months - it will be far more during the winter. We have turned off all non-critical baseboard heaters, closed rooms off, bought LED lights and undertaken many other electrical savings that we are able to do. Our bill just keeps going up.

Fortis BC installed a smart meter last year (unknown to us until later) and I had hoped and understood we would have been able to track what is using the most electricity - no luck. I don't know if that technology has yet to be hooked up, but so far this so called `Smart Meter' is not smart at all.

I feel like we are being held hostage.