

Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name: BCUC RIB RATE REPORT

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Re: B.C. Hydro and Fortis submissions to BCUC RIB Rate Report

Both reports seem to indicate that there is no problem with high bill impacts on low income customers. As a low income customer, with no alternative other than burning wood, I am forced to pay the higher rates, notably the second tier of the two tier B.C. Hydro system. We have no natural gas in our area and I cannot smell propane. The inability to smell propane makes it too dangerous to have in our home thus making electricity the only viable alternative, however, the cost makes it prohibitively expensive to heat and light our home. We have done everything we can to conserve energy but the costs are still too high. My wife even has to consider the cost of starting the oven to bake a cake. We like the idea of electricity as a cleaner greener fuel but we may be forced to go back to a fossil fuel for some of our needs.

Nick Marty (an outside expert) has sent you a straightforward report that shows the impact of two tiered power rates on people like us. It should be the basis for any decisions made on this matter.