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Utilities Commission**

Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

British Columbia Utilities Commission Residential Inclining Block (RIB) Rate Report to the Government of British Columbia

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party?

No

Name (first and last)

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Al Richmond, Cariboo Regional District Chair

Date:

November 24, 2016

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.

On behalf of the Cariboo Regional District Board of Directors, I am submitting a letter of comment expressing our concern over the residential inclining block electricity rates. We are opposed to the residential inclining block electricity rates for rural customers living in northern climates, and others who are currently without access to natural gas. The two-tiered system for electricity rates is unfair for rural customers in northern climates who have higher rates of electricity use simply due to their geographic location and the harsher realities of winter. Electricity rates should take into consideration the average electricity consumption for northern climates and customers should not be penalized with high rates for living in a northern climate.

The Board is also concerned that the two-tier electricity rates are a hardship for low-income residents who are subject to higher rates due to the reasons noted above.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Al Richmond

Cariboo Regional District Chair