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## Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

BCUC RIB Rate Report

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party?

No

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Date:

November 23, 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.

I have to live with the decisions made by BCUC. It is my expectation that the Commission critically reviews the reports by BC Hydro and FortisBC. Their reports are biased and are an attempt to cover up the truth about the adverse impacts of the two-tier rates. Neither report directly answers the questions posed by the Minister. BC Hydro's conclusion that there is "no evidence" of cross-subsidization nor high bill impacts is unsupported by any analysis and, in fact, is directly contradicted by the many letters of comment that have been submitted to these proceedings.

Both reports are unacceptable as a response to the Minister. Nick Marty is an outside expert on these matters and he has sent you a clear and concise report that honestly appraises the impacts of two-tier rates on customers like us. I strongly submit that Nick Marty's report should be the basis of your response to the Minister.

I urge you to either have both utilities add to their reports with the information requested or reject their reports outright. Ultimately the two tier system penalizes those who have to heat with electricity and do not have cheap natural gas available at their location.

The BCUC needs to change the way the electricity rate scheme is designed.