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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party? Name (first and last) City Province Email Phone number

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Name (first and last)

James Gray

Date:

24-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.

The reports by BC Hydro and FortisBC are almost impossible to read. They are an obviously biased attempt to cover up the truth about the adverse impacts of the two-tier rate system - both reports are unacceptable in response to the Minister's questions. It seems as though the utilities and BCUC just cannot admit that the two-tier approach, as implemented, is fatally flawed and does not encourage conservation by the vast majority of electrical subscribers - namely those with access to natural gas for space and water heating. 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. Nick Marty is an outside expert on these matters who has sent you a clear and concise report that honestly appraises the impacts of two-tier rates on customers (and voters) like us. I strongly submit that Nick Marty's report should be the basis of your response to the Minister.