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**Proceeding name:** BCUC Regulation of Electric Vehicle Charging Service Inquiry

**Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party:** No

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**Comment:**

My name is Jayla Kortlever, I am a proud owner of a Zero emissions Nissan Leaf. I am writing today to discuss the future of Electric vehicles and zero emissions for the environment and future generations and sustainability. I currently make use of the public chargers around my city of Nanaimo on beautiful Vancouver Island to charge my car for free (very appreciative of) as well as I have a level 2 charger installed at home which the government has given a \$750 rebate for which I utilized and have received my much appreciated rebate. BC hydro is our provider for electricity in BC which is important for me as this is how I fuel my car and get to places. Currently they charge people 8 cents a kwh for level 1 and 13 cents level 2 for hydro (as posted on my bill and their website), however rates are going up 3 percent soon which is not factored in there. They do not provide any Electric vehicle subsidy for the use of hydro in your home for EV owners which needs to be addressed to promote electric vehicles. In fact, the BC hydro quick chargers they have installed on Vancouver Island are being charged at three times what we would pay to charge our vehicles at home. Not only are we being penalized but they are charging us an exorbitant amount to charge our car at their charge station for 30 minutes till it reaches a full charge. I spoke to BC Hydro about this, the said they are charging 35 cents per kwh or approx. \$10.60 for a full charge of a 2016 Nissan leaf. This price at home would cost approx. \$2-3. I feel as though this is unfair and is not promoting the use of Zero emissions vehicles and the environment. There must be an incentive and affordability. I understand the infrastructure does cost money however you cannot put a price tag on the environment and every company has to do their share to promote environmental sustainability for their future generations and future business. It is the government and taxpayers responsibility to advocate, encourage and foster people to sustain the fragile world they live in. I am trying to do my share and encourage others. I want BC Hydro, a crown corporation to do it as well! Thank you for your time. I appreciate you considering this complex and volatile matter. It is our only Earth we have to live on. I hope BC Hydro will provide more incentives for Zero emissions owners and the environment. Sincerely, Jayla Kortlever