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Subject: BC Hydro

Dear Mr. Morton,
BC Hydro spends a considerable amount of money to encourage customers to use less electricity with the idea of delaying the need to build new power generation facilities. The primary method is to use a carrot and stick approach the carrot being a small reward if you reduce your usage year over year and the stick being a higher rate if you go beyond a pre-established threshold, having said that, virtually every one of BC Hydro customers exceed this threshold and as such pays the higher rate.

BC Hydro budgeted \$930 Million to install “smart meters” and according to their literature aimed at justifying the installation of “smart meters” they included the following statement “Smart meters will be supported by new energy pricing tools to give customers more choices over their electricity use and greater ability to save money”. To date those pricing tools have not been offered, unlike most other utilities they do not offer an “off peak” rate to encourage customers to switch their power usage to off peak hours by means of a lower kilowatt hourly rate. Once again according to their literature “Throughout the day, a “smart meter” records your electricity use on an hourly basis. It stores the information securely, and sends it back to BC Hydro three times a day”. So the ability is there to implement such a programme.

I would urge you at the next rate hearing to bring up these points and to demand that BC Hydro implement the incorporation of “off peak” power usage at a reduced rate.

Yours Sincerely,
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