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Comment:

I have been aware of the unfair pricing in my town of Kitimat for the past year and there is a disconnect with Parkland fuels divulging prices with the public. This is my input.

BCUC public input
Daniel Carter
October 8, 2020

For the past year, I have been closely following the pricing of retail automobile fuel prices and the price discrepancies with various communities around the province. At times, these prices were over \$0.18 cheaper in Prince George than in my community, Kitimat during the same time and with the terminal rack price no more than 0.75 of a penny as per Petrocan between the communities of Prince George and Terrace. Terrace being where Kitimat draws their fuel from.

The transport company Parkland Fuels has cited to me "Competitive market secrets" keeping myself and likely the rest of the public from explaining why they vary pricing from community to community. I would like to ask Parkland fuels who are you competing with and why are you keeping your pricing out of the public viewing. The public knows the terminal rack pricing and the public knows the pump prices. Any discrepancies lies with the bulk transport. I know the Between Terrace and Kitimat, A distance of 60 km, the price at times last winter were over a dime a liter more expensive in Kitimat, Same terminal rack price. Who is their competitor and why hide the prices from the public? In my opinion, there is no competition but instead a monopoly by Parkland fuels.

Unfair pricing hurts the economy locally and country wide. Maritime provinces rarely have a difference of \$0.03 different across each respectable province as there is price regulation in place to protect the retail paying public. Why can't this be implemented in BC?

Thanks

Daniel Carter.