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Subject: Letter of Comment - Nelson Hydro 2021 General Rate Increase - David S. McCulloch
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Proceeding name: Nelson Hydro 2021 General Rate Increase

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

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Comment:

As a rate payer and resident for many years it is concerning of the increase amount proposed by Nelson Hydro on Application 2 that is contrary to what the public was told when the City of Nelson first proposed entering into the Hydro power industry. We the RDCK or rural residential rate payers as we are now being addressed as agreed for additional taxes to support the move to protect our rates in the future. So here we are in the future with a proposal to increase our rates at an alarming rate of 5.72% annually for the next three years because we do not reside in the city. I strongly feel the city managers should have considered all costs when entering this industry and not be allowed to use a two tiered approach of billing ever for any service. This has never been mentioned in any minutes in the past and should not be allowed after the funding was secured through taxes for all of the users to get the capital and support from the community to initiate the utilities in the first place. The explanation offered by Nelson Hydro is a poor excuse how the costs of doing business in the rural area is to great, when the management of these costs should be first priority prior to raising rates during a global, regional medical and economic crisis. I see Nelson Hydro company trucks in driveways of city employees that reside outside the city limits, who pays for the gas insurance and maintenance? These employees are clearly earning enough money to afford to drive to the maintenance yard in their own vehicles as the annual list of Nelson city employees salaries always have several lineman and managers on the top 10 payroll for the city of Nelson. Perhaps we should be inquiring as to how we rural rate payers can now opt out and join Fortis or BC Hydro and have the funding we rural residents have been paying in additional taxes over the last few decades to support this community endeavour should now be returned to us rural residents as it now appears to be done under false pretences as we are now experiencing what we were told we would avoid. The two tiered approach should not be considered and the preposterous 5.72% annually over three years rate increase currently being requested should be denied. David S. McCulloch

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To whom it may concern.

I would like to go on record as opposing the Nelson Hydro Application 2 to the BCUC. As a rate payer and resident for many years it is concerning of the increase amount proposed by Nelson Hydro on Application 2 that is contrary to what the public was told when the City of Nelson first proposed entering into the Hydro power and utilities industry. We the RDCK or rural residential rate payers as we are now being referred too did agree to pay additional taxes to support the move by the city of Nelson to protect our rates in the future. So here we are in the future with a proposal to increase our rates at an alarming rate of 5.72% annually for the next three years because we do not reside in the city. I strongly feel the city managers should have considered all costs when entering this industry and not be allowed to use a two tiered approach of billing ever for any service. This has never been mentioned in any minutes in the past and should not be allowed after the funding was secured through taxes for all of the users to get the capital and support from the community to initiate the utilities in the first place.

The explanation offered by Nelson Hydro is a poor excuse. The costs of doing business in the rural area is to great. I feel the management of these costs should be first priority prior to raising rates during a global, regional medical and economic crisis. I see Nelson Hydro company trucks in driveways of city employees that reside outside the city limits, who pays for the gas insurance and maintenance? I do realize this is a small footnote in the bigger picture however these employees are clearly earning enough money to afford to drive to the maintenance yard in their own vehicles as the annual list of Nelson city employees salaries always have several lineman and managers on the top 10 salaries on payroll for the city of Nelson. Perhaps we rural residents should be inquiring as to how we can now opt out and join Fortis or BC Hydro for our utilities? While inquiring to have the funding returned that we rural residents have been paying in additional taxes over the last few decades to support this community endeavor. It is after all only fair that these funds should now be returned to us as it appears to have been done under false pretenses. The double standard and two tiered approach should not be considered and the preposterous 5.72% annually over three years rate increase currently being requested should be denied.

Concerned

David S. McCulloch