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February 24, 2021

B.C. Utilities Commission  
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## **Re: Nelson Hydro's Application For Electrical Rate Increases**

I am writing to notify you of my opposition to the proposed electrical rate increases applied for by the City of Nelson.

The reasons for my opposition are as follows:

1. I believe the City of Nelson has misled the public and particularly the rural electrical customers, regarding their reasons for their rate increase application
2. The combined rate increases are inflated and beyond the general rural user's ability to pay.
3. Many rural users are limited to electrical heating because they do not have access to natural gas. Their heating bills with these increases will create hard ship.
4. Nelson Hydro, by their applications, is creating two different types of customers (rural and urban) and the urban customers (urban customers in Nelson) will benefit at the expense of rural customers.
5. Nelson Hydro has been routinely showing significant surpluses of revenue over spending.....so what is the justification for the increases.....especially such extravagant increases.
6. Nelson Hydro buys power from Fortis at prices exceeding its own production cost but is now proposing that rural customers pay the majority of these higher costs.
7. As a public utility Nelson Hydro needs more separation from Nelson's City Administration. I feel it is obvious from these applications that the City of Nelson is attempting to supplement its budgets from the increased revenues from Nelson Hydro (at the expense of rural customers).
8. Nelson Hydro generates electrical power as a result of a water licence issued by the Province. This licence allows Nelson Hydro to generate power from a public resource that is owned by all of the people of the Province. I do not believe it is in the public interest, nor is it morally correct, for Nelson Hydro to discriminate between groups of citizens as it is proposing to do in these applications when it is using a public resource.

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely yours,

Richard L. Morley

