



VIA EMAIL

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October 11, 2016

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and FortisBC Inc.
Residential Inclining Block Rate Report to the Government of British Columbia

Most residents in BC pay for electricity on a two-tier rate (known as a residential inclining block rate or a residential conservation rate). Under the two-tier rates, customers pay a lower price for electricity consumed up to a threshold and a higher price for electricity consumed above the threshold.

The BC Minister of Energy and Mines has asked the British Columbia Utilities Commission to report to the government on the impact of these two-tier rates. As part of the Commission's review, BC Hydro and FortisBC have provided reports containing data on the impacts of these rates on their customers.

We have or will be posting the attached public notice in major and community newspapers throughout the province seeking public comments on BC Hydro and FortisBC's reports. **We are also asking for your support in communicating the contents of the enclosed public notice to residents within the Regional District of Squamish-Lillooet.** Possible ways for you to distribute the public notice to residents in your regional district include:

- post on your website;
- discuss at any public meetings, as appropriate; and/or
- post in public spaces such as the library, city hall or recreation centre.

If possible, we would appreciate you responding to the Commission indicating what measures your Regional District pursued to distribute the public notice.

More information about the process is available on the Commission's website at:
<http://www.bcuc.com/ApplicationView.aspx?ApplicationId=506>.

If you require further information, please contact Alison Thorson, Director – Policy, Planning and Customer Relations at 1-800-663-1385 or Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com. Thank you in advance for your participation in this public consultation process.

Yours truly,

Laurel Ross

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Enclosure



Request for Comments

Residential two-tier electricity rates

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Request for your comments

As part of the Commission's review, BC Hydro and FortisBC have filed reports on the impacts these rates have had on their customers. The Commission is seeking comments on BC Hydro and FortisBC's reports.

These reports, titled BC Hydro Utility Report and FortisBC Utility Report, can be found on the Commission's website at www.bcuc.com under Current Proceedings > BCUC RIB Rate Report > Hearing and Other Documents or <http://www.bcuc.com/ApplicationView.aspx?ApplicationId=506>.

Please provide your comments using the Commission's Letter of Comment Form found online at <http://www.bcuc.com/Register-Letter-of-Comment.aspx>. All comments must be received in writing.

Please send your written comments by email or mail to the Commission Secretary on or before **Thursday, November 24, 2016** at:

Email: Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com

Mail: Ms. Laurel Ross
Acting Commission Secretary
BC Utilities Commission
Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

For more information please contact the Commission using the contact information above or by phone at 1-800-663-1385.