

## **Has the Fortis BC Two-Tiered Rate System Negatively Affected Your Pocket Book?**

The two-tiered rate structure, embedded in the Fortis 2014-2018 Multi-Year Rate Order, increases the cost of electricity after the first 1,600 kilowatts used in a billing period. Unfortunately, for the people who live in rural areas where there are no alternatives to electricity and who live in sub-standard housing that requires more energy to heat, this increase has made it difficult for many residents to pay their utility bills and meet their basic needs.

If your household has been impacted by the Fortis BC Two-Tiered Rate System, the RDOS would like to hear from you. The Regional District proposes to register as an Intervener to the Fortis BC 2017 Rate Design Application to the BC Utilities Commission later this year and are looking to gather supporting documentation on the impacts to citizens to add as supporting evidence in our application.

**Please send in your testimonial to Christie Lang by email ([clang@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:clang@rdos.bc.ca)) or deliver to 101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC V2A 5J9 by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**Testimonials should be a brief, honest depiction of the effects on your household (no more than a half page) and should include your name, location and contact information, for the purpose of any follow-up questions we may have. Your personal contact information will be kept confidential.**