Request for Comments

Residential two-tier electricity rates

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. These two-tier rates were implemented by BC Hydro and FortisBC between 2008 and 2012. Before the two-tier rates were implemented residents in BC paid one price for all electricity they consumed.

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 on customers in regions without access to natural gas.

Request for your comments

If you are a residential electricity customer of BC Hydro or FortisBC and have no access to natural gas, the Commission is seeking your comments on:

- the impacts you have experienced or identified from the two-tier electricity rates; and
- your awareness of ways to mitigate any impacts.

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. By providing a letter of comment in this process, you agree to your comments being placed on the public record and posted on the Commission’s website. Please send your written comments by email or mail to the Commission Secretary on or before Friday, September 2, 2016 at:

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All of the documents related to this matter are available on the Commission’s website at: http://www.bcuc.com/ApplicationView.aspx?ApplicationId=506

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