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Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine
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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

The BC Minister of Energy and Mines has asked the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) to report to the Government of BC concerning the impact of British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) and FortisBC Inc.'s (FortisBC) residential inclining block electricity rates (often referred to as the Residential Conservation Rate or RCR) on customers without access to natural gas.

As part of this reporting process, the Minister has asked the Commission to gather information from residential electricity customers in regions not served by natural gas regarding the following items:

- the impacts of the residential inclining block electricity rates; and
- customers' awareness of ways to mitigate any impacts.

The Commission will be issuing the enclosed public notice to various regional newspapers to advertise the opportunity for residential electricity customers in regions not served by natural gas to provide letters of comment to the Commission on this matter.

We are also asking for your support in communicating the contents of the enclosed public notice to residents within the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine. The communities that appear to not have access to natural gas and be in the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine include:

Greenville (Laxgalts'ap)	Kitwanga (Gitwangak)	New Hazelton	Stewart	Gitsegukla
Hazelton	Kincolith (Gingolx)	Nass Camp	Priestley	South Hazelton
Rosswood	Cedarvale	Kispiox	Telegraph Creek	

We request that you provide the enclosed public notice, if possible, directly to the relevant communities or to the appropriate electoral districts to post and distribute the public notice to residents. Possible ways for you to distribute the public notice to these residents 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.

Please respond to the Commission, if possible, indicating what measures the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine pursued to distribute the public notice on or before Monday, August 15, 2016.

More information about the process is available at the following link:
<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,



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Enclosure



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Request for Comments on Residential Inclining Block Electricity Rates

The BC Minister of Energy and Mines has asked the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) to report to the Government of BC on the impact of British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) and FortisBC Inc.'s (FortisBC) residential inclining block electricity rates (often referred to as the Residential Conservation Rate or RCR) on customers in regions without access to natural gas.

If you are a residential electricity customer of BC Hydro or FortisBC without access to natural gas, the Commission is seeking your comments on:

- the impacts you have experienced or identified from the residential inclining block 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. Please send your written comments by email or mail to the Commission Secretary on or before **Monday, August 15, 2016** at:

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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. All letters of comment are placed on the public record, posted on the Commission's website and provided to the Panel and all participants in the proceeding.

All of the documents related to this matter are available on the Commission's website at:
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For more information please contact the Commission using the contact information above or by phone at 1-800-663-1385.