



VIA EMAIL

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July 7, 2016

Village of Tahsis Municipal Office
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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 Tahsis. 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 Tahsis pursued to distribute the public notice on or before Monday, August 15, 2016.

More information about the process is available on the Commission's website 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,

Laurel Ross
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