



COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

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Ms. Laurel Ross, Acting Commission Secretary
BC Utilities Commission
Sent via email: Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com

Dear Ms. Ross:

Re: BC Utility Commission's Request for Comments – Residential Two-tier Electricity Rates

Thank you for requesting comments regarding the residential two-tier electricity rates. The Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSR) Board discussed the request at its November 17, 2016 Board meeting and noted that there are residents in the rural electoral areas that are currently not served by natural gas within the Province. Prices of electric heating are higher, therefore the two tier rate structure is unfair. In light of this, the Board passed the following resolution:

THAT: the Board request that the BC Utilities Commission and Union of BC Municipalities look into eliminating the BC Hydro and Fortis BC two tier rate structure for those areas not currently served by natural gas within the Province.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. The CSR Board appreciates your attention to the two tier rate structure and hopes to see changes in the future.

Yours truly,
COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

Per:

Rhona Martin
CSR Board Chair

cc: Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy and Mines (MEM.Minister@gov.bc.ca)
Union of BC Municipalities (ubcm@ubcm.ca)

ELECTORAL AREAS

A GOLDEN-COLUMBIA
B REVELSTOKE-COLUMBIA

C SOUTH SHUSWAP
D FALKLAND-SALMON VALLEY

E SICAMOUS-MALAKWA
F NORTH SHUSWAP-SEYMOUR ARM

MUNICIPALITIES

GOLDEN
REVELSTOKE

SALMON ARM
SICAMOUS