

BC Hydro Rate Design Application - Module 2 Customer Meeting – Skidegate Band Council

Summary

13 December 2016

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Skidegate, BC

TYPE OF MEETING	NIA Rates Presentation and Customer Input Session
FACILITATOR	Shane Hiebert
PARTICIPANTS	William (Billy) Yovanovich, Chief Councillor; Michelle (Ooka) Pineault, Councillor; Barbara Stevens, Chief Administrative Officer; Michelle (Missy) McDonald, Councillor
BC HYDRO ATTENDEES	Shane Hiebert, Regulatory & Rates; Eva Elofir, Customer Service Operations; Al Leonard, Aboriginal Relations; Alison Wilson, Key Account Manager; Dave Mosure, Community Relations
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of Rate Design process 2. Overview of NIA, Current Zone II Rates, Customer Use and Rate Options 3. BC Hydro-owned Street lighting (LED Rate)

MEETING MINUTES	
ABBREVIATIONS	BCUC.....BC Utilities Commission LEDLight Emitting Diode (Lighting) NIA.....Non-Integrated Areas; BC Hydro’s service territories not connected to BC Hydro’sintegrated electrical system RDA..... Rate Design Application RIB.....Residential Inclining Block rate Zone I....Rate zone that applies to all customers on BC Hydro’s Integrated System Zone II ..Rate zone that applies to all Non-Integrated Area customers except for Bella BellaDistrict (Zone IB)

1. Introductions and RDA Overview

Shane Hiebert provided an overview of the Rate Design process

FEEDBACK		RESPONSE
1.	Who is BCUC, what is the composition of the Commission, and who appoints Commissioners?	BCUC oversees all regulated utilities in British Columbia, including BC Hydro. The BCUC is an independent regulatory agency of the Provincial Government. Commissioners are independent decision makers appointed by the Provincial government.

2. NIA Residential and General Service Rates

Shane Hiebert presented an overview of the current Zone II Rates, customer use information including observations from responses to the 2012 Residential End-Use Survey, and Rate Options under consideration for Zone II.

FEEDBACK		RESPONSE
1.	What was the rationale for the 1500 kWh threshold between Step 1 and Step 2 rates for Zone II residential customers?	The threshold and the higher step 2 rate was put in place to recover some of the difference in the cost of service between Zone I and II customers.
2.	A huge portion of our hot water is electrically heated.	
3.	We would like to have a Quorum of Council to officially provide feedback. We would like to include General Service and Streetlighting Rates in that discussion.	We will schedule a follow-up teleconference to present the same NIA Rates presentation to a sufficient number of members of Skidegate Band Council so that quorum can be reached and formal feedback can be provided.

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4.	What is the cost of serving the communities on Haida Gwaii?	Haida Gwaii makes up approximately half of the total Zone II customers. Based on historic information, the revenue collected from Zone II customers is less than the cost to provide service in Zone II. We are currently completing a more up-to-date and detailed review of Zone II costs and will provide cost of service information on Zone II when it is available.
3. LED Streetlights for BC Hydro-Owned Streetlighting Customers		
Shane Hiebert advised that BC Hydro is looking at a LED streetlighting rate.		