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Optional Residential Time-of-Use Rate Workshop Feedback

INTRODUCTION:

As we prepare to submit an application to the BC Utilities Commission to propose a new optional time-of-use rate for residential customers, we're asking for your feedback, including any concerns or issues you might have with our proposal. Please refer to the optional time-of-use rate presentation slide deck for more information when completing this survey.

Please be aware that your feedback, including the organization you're representing, will be included in the application and be part of the public record for the regulatory proceeding. Due to privacy concerns, we ask that you do not identify third-party individuals or account specific information in your comments. Comments that reference identifiable individuals will not be included as part of the public record.

Any personal information you provide to BC Hydro on this form is collected and protected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 26(c). BC Hydro is collecting information with this for the purpose of rate design in accordance with BC Hydro's mandate under the Hydro and Power Authority Act, the BC Hydro Electric Tariff, the Utilities Commission Act and related Regulations and Directions. If you have any questions about the collection or use of the personal information collected on this form please contact the BC Hydro Regulatory Group at bchydroregulatorygroup@bchydro.com

Please submit your feedback by December 15th, 2022.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Name:	
Title:	
Organization:	
Email Address:	

SECTION ONE: GENERAL FEEDBACK

Please provide your general comments and feedback about the workshop:

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SECTION TWO: OPTIONAL TIME-OF-USE RATES

Now we are going to ask you about the proposed optional time-of-use rate. Please answer based on the individuals you represent.

To what degree do you understand how the optional credit/charge time-of-use rate concept works? Please refer to slides 25-27 for more information.	A great deal	A lot	A moderate amount	A little	None at all	Unsure
Do you think this rate design is easy for customers to understand? Please refer to slides 25 -27 for more information.	Extremely easy	Somewhat easy	Neither easy nor difficult	Somewhat difficult	Extremely difficult	Unsure
To what degree do you understand how BC Hydro came up with the participation and peak demand reduction assumptions for the proposed optional residential time-of-use rate? Please refer to slides 29-35 for more information.	A great deal	A lot	A moderate amount	A little	None at all	Unsure

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Do you think these assumptions are reasonable? Please refer to slides 29-35 for more information.	Yes	No	Unsure
Please provide your comments:			
Compared to the old time-of-use rate design, do you agree that this concept does a better job mitigating the potential for people to save without reducing peak demand? Please refer to slides 37-41 for more information.	Yes	No	Unsure
Please provide your comments:			
Do you think this rate provides enough savings potential to encourage people to shift their consumption? Please refer to slides 37-41 for more information.	Yes	No	Unsure
Please provide your comments:			
Do you agree with BC Hydro's Bonbright Assessment of this proposed optional time-of-use rate design? Please refer to slides 43-45 for more information.	Yes	No	Unsure
Please provide your comments:			

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Compared to the proposed rate design (+5/-5), would you be interested in the following slightly different rate designs? Please refer to slide 47 for more information.		Yes	No	Please explain your answer:
	Alternative option 1: 3 cent off-peak credit (-) / 3 cent on-peak debit (+)			
	Alternative option 2: 1 to 5 cent off-peak credit (-) / 7 cent on-peak debit (+)			
I am interested in something else:				
Do you support BC Hydro advancing the proposed optional credit/charge residential time-of-use rate? Please refer to slide 49 for more information.	Yes	No	Unsure	
Please provide any further comments you have about the optional residential time-of-use rate:				

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SECTION THREE: RESIDENTIAL INCLINING BLOCK (RIB)

This section seeks your feedback on BC Hydro's Residential Inclining Block (RIB) rate pricing principles.

RIB pricing principles refer to how general rate increases are applied to the three elements of the RIB rate -- basic charge, Step 1 and Step 2 energy charges. The current RIB pricing principles will expire on March 31, 2023. BC Hydro needs to apply for new RIB pricing principles to be effective April 1, 2023. BC Hydro has typically applied general rate increases or decreases equally to the three RIB rate elements. However, for the rates that went into effect as of April 1, 2022, the price gap between the Step 1 and Step 2 energy charges was reduced by freezing the Step 2 price and increasing the basic charge by the general rate increase and increasing the Step 1 price to collect the same amount of forecasted revenue had the general rate increase been applied equally to the three elements of the RIB rate.

We are exploring two different pricing principles options.

- **Option 1:** Apply the general rate increase equally to the three RIB rate elements.
- **Option 2:** Reduce the price gap between Step 1 and Step 2 by freezing the Step 2 price and increasing the basic charge by the general rate increase and increasing the Step 1 price to collect the same amount of forecasted revenue had the general rate increase been applied to the three elements of the RIB rate.

Please refer to slides 65-68 for more information.

Which RIB pricing principles option do you think BC Hydro should propose?	Option 1	Option 2	Unsure
I prefer something else. Please explain:			
Do you support a one-year (F2024) or a two-year (F2024, F2025) pricing principles application?	One-year (F2024)	Two-year (F2024, F2025)	Unsure
I prefer something else. Please explain:			
Thank you for your time. If you have any additional feedback about the workshop, optional time-of-use rates, or RIB rate pricing principles, please leave your comments in the box below:			