

BC Hydro 2015 Rate Design Module 2 Presentation - October 26, 2016

Non-Integrated Area Rates

PRIMER PRESENTATION & INPUT REQUEST – Feedback Form

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Name/Organization: Chief and Counsel, Kwadacha First Nation	
<i>Presentation Topics</i>	
A. Rate Design & Zone II Rates (see slides 6 – 10)	Comments (Please do not identify third-party individuals in your comments. Comments bearing references to identifiable individuals will be discarded due to privacy concerns).
<p>In reviewing customer rates, terms and conditions, some of the types of broad questions that we consider include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the rate understandable to customers? • Are costs fairly spread amongst customers? • Does the rate encourage efficient electricity use? • How does the design of our rates compare with other utilities? • How do the rates align with Government Policy? • What impacts would a change have on customers? <p>1. Are there other broad questions and issues that you think we should be considering when we review the current rate structures, terms and conditions for our Zone II customers?</p>	<p>Does the rate design consider those that live in “Poverty”?</p>

<p>B. Electricity Use and Customer Characteristics (slides 11-13 plus supplemental slides 22 - 25)</p>	<p>Comments (Please do not identify third-party individuals in your comments. Comments bearing references to identifiable individuals will be discarded due to privacy concerns).</p>
<p>We are interested in understanding how certain characteristics are associated with electricity use and how customers might respond to rate structure options or changes to terms and conditions.</p> <p>1. In addition to the four customer characteristics that we discussed in our presentation (dwelling type, number of residents per account, primary space heating and water heating by fuel type), are there other customer characteristics or issues that you think we should also be considering to better understand how you use electricity?</p>	<p>At least 90% of homes have more than 4 people living in them</p> <p>Hot water, and laundry (dryer) maybe be the most intensive use of electricity</p> <p>Limited daylight hours in the winter due to being in the northern part of the province (= greater usage of electricity for lighting in the winter)</p> <p>Lower Social Assistance allocation for people living in Fort Ware than in other areas</p> <p>Our cultural activities require that we have more deep freezers (meat storage, berries etc)</p> <p>Our distance from grocery stores requires that we have more refrigeration</p>
<p>2. How does your community make decisions about housing designs and/or upgrades, and the investment in or replacement of appliances?</p>	<p>In recent years we have been designing our homes so that they are heated by wood heat. We try to have energy efficient appliances in the homes however cost is sometimes a factor.</p>

<p>3. How does our current electricity rates and our terms and conditions influence housing design/upgrade decision and the investment in or replacement of appliances?</p>	<p>There is no natural gas alternative for electricity usage in Fort Ware (...therefore rate design should consider this)</p>
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<p>C. Terms & Conditions of Service and Customer Service Commitments (slides 14-17)</p>	<p>Comments (Please do not identify third-party individuals in your comments. Comments bearing references to identifiable individuals will be discarded due to privacy concerns).</p>
<p>1. Are there unique customer service issues that remote communities face that we should consider?</p>	<p>There is no electrician in the community to assist those that need help. An electrician needs to be flown or drive to community.</p>
<p>2. Regarding the customer service commitments described in slides 16 and 17, can you provide input on how you think we can make the initiatives proposed efficient and workable?</p>	<p>Customer service improvements could include providing more energy conservation support to encourage reduction of electricity use</p> <p>Provide funding for Kwadacha participation on the Low Income Advisory Group</p> <p>Coordinate INAC and ECAP funds with other housing support services such as CMHC</p>

Additional Comments, Items you think should be in-scope, not currently identified:

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