**Intervention By AMCS/RDOS**

**In The 2017 Fortis Electricity Rate Design Application**

**JUNE 19, 2018**

**Update On Fortis Intervention and Last Call For Resident Testimonials**

On June 18th, AMCS/RDOS submitted its second Information Request on FortisBC's (FBC's) Electricity Rate Application. This one deals mainly with FBC's responses to the first round of Information Requests from AMCS/RDOS, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) and other interveners.  Our second Information Request and those of others can be viewed on BCUC's website -- <http://www.bcuc.com/ApplicationView.aspx?ApplicationId=610>.  On June 11th, AMCS/RDOS submitted its Financial Assistance Budget, for BCUC approval, to cover all of our costs (including legal costs) of intervening.  It is currently under review by BCUC.

Fortis is required to respond to the second round of Information Requests by July 10th.  The deadline for Intervener evidence is now set for **July 31st**.  On August 20th, BCUC, FBC and interveners will submit Information Requests on intervener evidence to be responded to by September 10th.  After that, there will be a written discussion as to whether or not there will be an Oral Hearing.  If BCUC decides, at that time, that an Oral Hearing should be held (FBC is opposed to holding one), it will take place the week of October 15th.

As mentioned in previous updates, Nick Marty will be including, in our intervener evidence, testimonials from residents about the impact on them of Fortis' two-tier rate system.  He has nearly 200 testimonials, most of which were gathered from residents by RDOS back in November-December.  If you haven't submitted a testimonial to RDOS or Nick Marty, or wish to update the one you did send, you can still submit one to Nick at marty2tier@gmail.com.  Please forward them to him by**July 15th**.

The testimonials should be about 1/2 to 1 page in length and describe hardships experienced under the two-tier rate system and difficulties offsetting the financial impacts by increasing energy efficiency.  If you have switched or are contemplating switching to alternative fuels such as wood, propane or heating oil, please include that in your testimonial.  Please indicate if it is a revised version of a testimonial previously submitted..