

**Intervention By AMCS/RDOS
In The 2017 Fortis Electricity Rate Design Application**

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Update on AMCS/RDOS Intervention in Fortis Rate Application

On July 31st, Nick Marty submitted his expert submission on residential rate design as part of the AMCS/RDOS Intervention in the 2017 Fortis Rate Design Application. It can be viewed on the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) website: http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Proceedings/2018/DOC_52133_C3-7-AMCS-RDOS-Evidence.pdf It includes nearly 200 resident testimonials on the adverse impacts of the Residential Conservation Rate (RCR). It has a short executive summary that highlights the major points (ie The RCR was designed incorrectly; it is promoting inefficiency rather than efficiency; it is promoting the greater consumption of fossil fuels; it is making high use electricity customers (those consuming more than 15,000 kWh/year) cross-subsidize lower use customers by at least \$7 million in 2018).

Fortis, the BCUC and other interveners are to prepare Information Requests on Nick's submission by August 20th. Nick, in turn, will be preparing an information request on the evidence presented by BC Sustainable Energy Association/Sierra Club, who are arguing for the retention of the two-tier system. Nick will be required to respond to Information Requests on his submission by September 10th. Then there will be a written discussion as to whether to have an Oral Hearing. If the BCUC agrees to hold one, it will take place the week of October 15th. The process will wrap up with final arguments by interveners and Fortis and the new rates, whatever they are, will go into effect starting January 1, 2019.