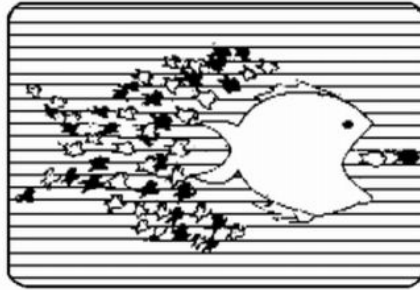


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### **Re: FortisBC Net Metering Tariff Application – Final Submissions of BCOAPO *et al.***

1. We are writing to provide the final submission in this proceeding on behalf of the BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization, BC Coalition of People with Disabilities, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, federated anti-poverty groups of BC, and Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre (collectively referenced as "BCOAPO *et al.*").
2. On April 17, 2009, FortisBC applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") for approval of a Net Metering Program ("the Program"), which includes:
  - Revisions to Rate Schedule 80 – Charges for Connection or Reconnection of Service, Transfer of Account, Testing of Meters, and Various Custom Work;
  - Net Metering Rate Schedule 95; and
  - Net Metering Interconnection Agreement.
3. FortisBC developed and prepared the Application to support the policy goals of energy self-sufficiency and clean electricity generation as identified in the provincial 2007 Energy Plan, at the request of interested parties, and in response to Commission Order G-115-07. The Program that FortisBC has applied for has been developed based on the guidelines the Commission provided to BC Hydro in Letter L-37-03 dated July 22, 2003.
4. The proposed Program allows participants to take responsibility for their own power production, and to reduce their environmental impact by interconnecting small generating facilities with the FortisBC system.

5. Participants may install generation with no greater than a 50 kW nameplate rating and must comply with FortisBC's Net Metering Interconnection Guidelines and sign a Net Metering Interconnection Agreement prior to having a Net Metering System connected to the FortisBC system.

6. As noted by FortisBC, it is difficult to determine what the take-up rate for the Program will be, but for the foreseeable future the potential impact on rates, costs and system load requirements is minimal. While there are costs associated with implementing the Program, these costs to ratepayers are negligible.

7. We therefore submit that the Program as outlined should be approved by the Commission.

Yours truly,

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