

# **Rates penalize electric heating**

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A letter writer rightly criticized the B.C. Utilities Commission for not protecting citizens who own electrically heated homes, these having been promoted by the provincial government and B.C. Hydro in the 1980s.

Not only is the two-step rate unfair, but the majority of the electricity consumed for home heating occurs in the evenings when there is excess hydro electricity available.

The BCUC should force B.C. Hydro to install smart meters in all electrically heated homes and offer a low rate for electricity consumed in the overnight period.

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