



Memorandum

To: BCAC Member Associations

From: Steve Thomson

Date: January 5, 2009

Re: BC Hydro Two-Step Conservation Rates

We have had a number of members and member organizations contact us concerning re decisions on BC Hydro rates. Representation was made to the provincial government and hydro relating concerns of the farm community the note below clarifies the situation.

The BC Utilities Commission has exempted farmers from the two-step Conservation hydro rates that were recently announced for BC Hydro's residential customers. Exemption will be tied to farm class status – farmers will not have to switch hydro classes to receive the exemption.

You should have recently received or will shortly receive a letter from BC Hydro signed by Sylvia von Minden stating that your account is identified as a residential farm account based on BC Assessment data. The letter states that the farm will be exempt from the new Conservation Rate.

If you have not received the letter you should contact your BC Hydro District Office as soon as possible. In addition, if you have more than one farm title, ensure that BC Hydro acknowledges this for each farm. You may be asked to fax a copy of your 2008 Assessment.

You can also reach BC Hydro at the following phone numbers:

Customer Services
604 224-9376
(Greater Vancouver)
1 800 224-9376
(Other Areas)

Thanks