



*Southern Interior Local
Government Association*

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Premier John Horgan
c/o premier@gov.bc.ca

RE: BC Hydro COVID-19 Relief Program

Dear Premier Horgan,

The SILGA Board of Directors are writing to you today to request the Province of BC provide fair and equitable treatment province wide for all electrical and power customers during the current Covid-19 pandemic as well as for the future.

The BC Hydro COVID-19 Relief Program for BC Hydro Residential and Small Business customers is an excellent measure to help those British Columbians directly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program, however, does not encompass those power users that are customers of independent municipality-owned electric distribution utilities. These smaller utilities would like to extend the same opportunities for rate relief to their customers but do not have the same level of financial resources that BC Hydro has.

Furthermore, this program should be extended to Fortis BC, allowing their customers the same rate relief opportunities.

It is in the interest of the entire province to get the economies of all regions restarted at the same time once the Covid-19 restrictions begin to lessen. While BC Hydro services 95% of the province, the remaining 5% of the province should not be penalized. We look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Lori Mindnich

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SILGA President

cc: City of Penticton
Regional District Okanagan Similkameen
Town of Oliver