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Dear BCUC,

I unequivocally oppose the fees BC Hydro is proposing to read our meters. This is clearly meant to penalize us or try convince us it is better to go with the Smart Meter option while at the same time putting our health and my children's health at risk.

The Meter would be next to all our bedrooms and would be continuously be transmitting 24 hours a day. BC Hydro has proposed \$35 a month \$470 a year just to read our meters every two months or 6 times a year. This is completely outrageous to think it would cost \$470 a year to read our meters.

Please do throw this outrageous fee out of the window. Many have proposed that meter readings can be sent in and processed which is totally doable.

I propose we upload a pic of the meter reading to BC Hydro's website.

I am able to deposit cheques on my Phone or tablet by simply snapping a picture of the front and back of the cheque and submitting it as many times a month as I need with a simple press of a button. BC Hydro if wanted could do the same with little effort. It costs me \$0 to deposit a cheque via my phone.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/business/ing-app-deposits-cheques-by-smartphone-or-tablet-1.1387430>

I am including a image of my Smart Meter which has be time stamped and dated to give BC Hydro the assurance that it is a current snapshot.

I already pay a high BC Hydro Bill of ~ \$400 every two months which is excessive and now BC Hydro is attempting to become even more greedy by raising the cost of our electric bills and resort to intimidation tactics to extort money from us.

It is becoming more difficult to put food on the table. As a province we have ample of electricity which is been transported South and sold at a premium, instead of reducing the cost, BC Hydro are claiming they need to make more money from us for this excess power.

Please put in place a no cost opt out fee as many states in the US have done because it costs nothing extra to maintain and force BC Hydro to be creative in collecting the meter readings.

Thanks in Advance,

