

Commission Secretary BCUC:EX

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Sent: Saturday, January 9, 2016 5:35 PM
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Subject: FW: BC Hydro - 2015 Rate Design Application - Letter of Comment re Sharon Noble // Log No. 51126 ; Exhibit A-9 "

Dear Ms. Hamilton & Mr. Loski,

Perhaps this should have been addressed to you. Thanks for getting it to where it needs to be by Thursday, Jan. 14th . ☺

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Dear Ms Smith,

Earlier in the process for the recent Rate Design Application many were refused intervener status because BCUC said that the “meter choice” and smart meter program were **not** part of the Rate Design Application. This is no longer true!

I refer to the amendment by BC Hydro to increase the reconnection fees to \$700.00. The BC Utilities Act states that it is illegal to discriminate and charge some customers a different rate for the same service. In addition, proposed amendments to Hydro Electric Tariffs, posted as Exhibit B-1-1 relate to smart meters. With these points in mind I would strongly urge the commission to reconsider Sharon Noble’s status as an intervener along with any others who were denied a voice in these proceedings when it was thought these issues were not going to be addressed in the application.

On that note may I point out a couple of procedural issues that would go a long way to increasing public input, if indeed that is what you really want:

1. If a document contains 4000 plus pages allow for a longer period of time for digesting and commenting & don’t introduce it over a holiday period.

2. Try and reduce the jargon. If this is not possible due to the complexity of the issues then be sure bodies, such as yours, that have the required knowledge are truly acting on behalf of the public. You seem to have morphed into an administrative body for Hydro and the government rather than an independent body created to protect the public’s interest.

This hearing is important to me but I do not have the expertise or time needed to address issues that will affect me and my household. Those who are resisting smart meters for health reasons are having their rights infringed upon and the extra fees are not reasonable or justified. Again, I respectfully request that Sharon Noble be allowed to represent me and my concerns by reinstating her intervener status.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sherry Ridout

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