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Subject: BC Hydro -- 2015 Rate Design Application -- Letter of Comment re Sharon Noble // Log No. 51126; Exhibit A-9
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Attention: Ms. Erica Hamilton, Secretary to the Commission

Date: January 9, 2015

Dear Ms. Hamilton,

Re: BC Hydro - 2015 Rate Design Application - Letter of Comment re Sharon Noble // Log No. 51126 ; Exhibit A-9

It has come to our attention that Sharon Noble's intervener status has been rescinded/unaccepted by the Commission's office because the "meter choice" and smart meter program are not part of the Rate Design Application. With the requested rate increase to \$700 for ONLY those who refuse access to the meter, this is directed at those customers who want to prevent changeover to a smart or radio-off meter. The rate of \$700 is many times the reconnection charge requested for all other customers. This is discriminatory and punitive, in reality an attempt to force acceptance of smart meters on all customers under threat of punishment. It is illegal according to the BC Utilities Act. Such a fee negates the "meter choice" program as it is too onerous for anyone to pay. As such, the substance of the rate application DOES include the "meter choice" and smart meter programs, though it omits any explicit statement as such. With that being said, we respectfully request and expect that Sharon Noble be granted intervener status. She represents those of us who have chosen to keep our analogue meters and have already experience harassment from BC Hydro. If BC Hydro is given other rights requested within their application, they will have more power than ever to make decisions with no public input and add onerous demands on its customers.

This hearing is very important to us personally because we have taken the "choice" to keep our analogue meter. The reasons for that include danger

of fire, health effects of electromagnetic radiation, and the fact that our analogue meter has served us well for many years without health and safety concerns. The imposition of a smart meter infringes upon our right to safety in our own home. Since there have been many instances of analogue meters being exchanged for smart or radio-off meters without customer consent, we have put a locked cage over our meter along with signs that say "No Smart Meter". We have paid the "legacy" fee each month for a total so far of approximately \$816 for two years. This total is only slightly less than the cost of the hydro power we use.

In conclusion, we ask that Sharon Noble be allowed to represent us and our concerns. We strongly support reinstatement of her intervener status. Others who have been denied intervener status because their applications relate to the "meter choice" and smart meter programs should also be granted intervener status.

Yours truly,
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PS We request that this email be included with "letters of comment" in your deliberations.