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Attention: Ms. Erica Hamilton, Secretary to the Commission

Date: Jan 9 2016

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It has come to my attention that Sharon Noble's intervener status has been rescinded by the Commission's office. Not only do I believe it inappropriate for you to deny any rate payer this right, I believe that Sharon Noble represents the serious concerns of tens of thousands of British Columbians and that her input is thus even more important than the average BC citizen. Please reinstate her as an intervener so our voices can be heard through her willingness to do this work.

As for the \$700 reconnection fee, according to the BC Utilities Act this is illegal because it is discriminatory and it is punitive. I am not

in favour of any extra fees for those wishing to deny a smart meter on their homes. I believe, as do many countries in this world, that the consequences and risks of the smart meter programs far outweigh any perceived benefit and am not in favour of the way a crown corporation (BC Hydro) providing a service essential to life, has been implementing a dramatic change to delivery of service with no public consultation.

I realize that the BCUC has become a toothless tiger under the Liberal government but I'm sending this anyway in the hope that someone in the BCUC has what it takes to stand up against the controlling Liberals and look after the interests of the general public.

Yours truly,

Peter Hannah
