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Subject: Revoking Intervener Status - Preventing Advocacy for Seniors and Disabled

**Date:** Monday, January 11, 2016 12:00:00 PM

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FROM: Bonnie L. Baravalle Committee/Steward of the B.C. Public Guardian and Trustee for daughter, Sheleah Bradley, BC HYDRO Ratepayer,

SUBJECT: BC HYDRO - 2015 RATE DESIGN APPLICATION - Letter of Comment, re: Sharon Noble// Log No. 51126; Exhibit A-9

ATTN: Ms. Erica Hamilton, Secretary to the Commission

Dear Ms. Hamilton,

I represent my daughter, Sheleah Bradley, by the decision of the Supreme Court of British Columbia (2006), through the B.C. Public Guardian and Trustee, Vancouver, B.C.

As a Senior citizen of B.C., who represents the best interests of my daughter, Sheleah, concerning any financial matters that would affect her finances, I rely on Sharon Noble's proven assistance and information and advocacy in such hearings at the B.C. Utilities Commission.

Hence, I am deeply disturbed by the BCUC office rescinding Sharon Noble's Intervener Status to act on my behalf at the BCUC hearing, concerning BC HYDRO's Rate Design Application issues, including a discriminatory and punitive \$700 fee that is in violation of the B.C. Utilities Act.

That decision by the BCUC to deny Sharon Noble as my Advocate is tantamount to excluding the representation of Sheleah Bradley through the Committee Stewardship of the B.C. Public Guardian and Trustee.

We (I as Committee for Sheleah Bradley, BC HYDRO taxpayer) understand that we are entitled by law, as well as fairness of the BCUC hearing procedures, to be represented by our Advocate, Sharon Noble, at the said upcoming commission reviewing the Rate Design Application by BC HYDRO.

If able to attend which I am not able to do, I would insist on hard questions to be heard and answered on the real reasons for BC HYDRO's attempt to burden further the B.C. Taxpayers for its own mis-management, such as concealing a \$40 Billion "mistake" in an IPP (Independent Power Producers) supply contract with California.

In the strongest possible terms, I must express to the BCUC to have Sharon Noble's Intervener Status re-instated so that she may be our Advocate at the said BCUC hearing.

Yours truly,

Bonnie Baravalle
B.C. Public Guardian and Trustee Committee
for Sheleah Bradley, BC HYDRO Ratepayer.

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