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

Date: Jan 13 2016

Dear Ms. Hamilton,

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

It has come to my attention that Sharon Noble's intervener status has been rescinded by the Commission's office. I believe it's wrong for you to deny any rate payer this right.

Especially as Sharon Noble represents the serious concerns of tens of thousands of British Columbians like myself and that her input is thus even more important than the average BC citizen.

Please reinstate her as an intervener so all our voices can be heard through her willingness to do this work.

Another matter that is quite concerning is the following.

Liability of BC Hydro:

The current provision reads:

"BC Hydro will endeavour to provide a regular and uninterrupted supply of Electricity but does not guarantee a constant supply of Electricity or the maintenance of unvaried frequency or voltage and will not be responsible or liable for any loss, injury, damage or expense caused by or resulting from any interruption, termination, failure or defect in the provision of Electricity, whether caused by the negligence of BC Hydro, or its representatives or agents or otherwise, except to the extent that the loss, injury, damage or expense results directly from the wilful misconduct of BC Hydro or its representatives or agents, provided, however, that neither BC Hydro, nor any of its representatives or agents

is responsible for any loss of profit, loss of revenue or other economic loss, even if the loss arises directly from the wilful misconduct of BC Hydro or its representatives or agents.”

This is just wrong. No one should be able to exempt themselves from their negligent acts.. forcing others to have to prove willful misconduct. Against individuals who quite often won't even properly identify themselves. I am also objecting to BC Hydro applying to remove the following statement entirely.

Service Agreement 2.1 As it currently reads says:

“BC Hydro serves Customers solely in accordance with the Electric Tariff, including Terms and Conditions and Rate Schedules. Individuals, persons or other entities seeking to become Customers and purchase Electricity shall apply for service.”

If this statement's removal is allowed to stand there is no limit to BC Hydro's power or actions.

This seems like a back door route to undermining British Columbians control of their own Crown Corporation. I object to any resolutions that would further remove our control of this public resource.

On another matter I've heard that B.C. Hydro has quietly given over control of the direction of some, or all of it's operations to a private American corporation called NERC. Which I believe stands for North American Regulatory Commission, or something like that.

This is very worrisome as Ontario Hydro (the only other Canadian Province to do this,) is now being privatized.

What can you tell me about NERC's agreement with B.C. Hydro and what if any was B.C.U.C.'s role in this matter?

It appears if the people of B.C. don't do what this private American corporation dictates, we could be on the hook for millions in fines.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

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