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To: [Commission Secretary BCUC:EX](#)
Subject: BC Hydro RDA hearing: Intervener status of Sharon Noble
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Ms Hamilton -

I ask you to forward this as a Letter of Comment to those involved in the RDA hearing considering the restoration of Sharon Noble's status as an intervener:

In my Jan 8/16 Letter of Comment (E-5 on the website), I pointed out what I thought was a basic sensibility - that the BCUC put the RDA hearing and Tariff amendments on hold until issues such as economics, reliability, fire safety, accuracy, and functionality of the digital metering technology have been investigated. I further claim that a rate structure fair to both BC Hydro and ratepayers cannot be determined until these broader issues are resolved and remedied.

Inasmuch as fire safety is one of the issues I believe need to be investigated before proceeding, and inasmuch as I believe Sharon Noble to be very knowledgeable about fire safety issues (including having in her possession evidence of fire non-safety), I want to see her status as an intervener restored immediately. Put another way, I find the notion of not restoring her status as intervener . . . as I read it, because the Commission earlier agreed with BC Hydro claim that digital meter issues don't belong in the RDA hearing . . . irresponsible.

And the same for each of the other interveners who's status was rescinded - my belief being that each of them was dissatisfied enough with what BC Hydro is proposing to register in the hearing and that the views of such people belong in RDA hearings.

Sincerely,

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