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Attention: Ms. Erica Hamilton, Secretary to the Commission

Dear Ms. Hamilton,

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

I understand that Sharon Noble's status as an intervenor has been withdrawn, and I am writing to ask that you restore her status because she is a thoughtful and constructive citizen of British Columbia who has only the wellbeing of our people in mind.

As I understand it, the government of BC passed an Order-in Council that has stripped the BCUC of all its authority except that of examining BC Hydro's rate structure, so any questions or opinions that Sharon Noble, might have about smartmeters, transmission lines, power plants and such, are irrelevant because BCUC is prohibited from examining these issues. But her comments on hydro rates, service fees, and inflated charges that are essentially fines, are indeed valid, and relevant to your examining the rates Hydro charges for electricity and the other services the company provides. Some of these charges can only be described as extortionate.

I believe that this is a free speech issue. If Ms Noble speaks about hydro meters, for example, the Order-in-Council gag order instructs you to ignore her, but if she speaks about the rates Hydro charges for its various services, I believe it is your duty to listen to what she says and take appropriate action.

I'd be curious to know if the BCUC members have been read-in on global plans to solve our ecological problems and why the citizenry hasn't been invited to participate. Please restore Sharon Noble's status as an intervenor.

Yours truly,  
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