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There need to be other rule changes to deal with abusers of net-metering because 99% of the customers aren't installing over 27kw (residential limit 200A limit). There are also no specific rules around new construction where there is no consumption history. Does this mean that solar net-metering will not be approved on new construction projects? Other provinces seem to support green energy, this application isn't in the spirit of moving towards a greener future. 0.07% of BC Hydro's customers have net-metering, this is hardly a large % of BC Hydro's customer base and will NOT impact hardware grid requirements. Currently my excess power goes to some of my neighbours directly over the local power lines (this does not necessitate larger lines) and if this is supplying said neighbours with tier2 rates Hydro sees 35% profit for doing next to nothing. There is no hardware upgrade required on BC Hydro's part until over 8% of customers have net-metering. Net-metering is an integral part of our future. [http://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/solar\\_basics/net\\_metering.php](http://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/solar_basics/net_metering.php) If net-metering is not allowed or no regulations are in place for new construction it brings up the question of why we spend \$1b on smart meters? Smart meters were partly sold to the public as "required for net-metering". If we really want to look at "green energy" and sensible decisions on BC Hydro projects then site-C now doesn't make much sense given LNG is gone the way of the dodo bird. Where would we be today if we took site-C monies and gave BC Hydro customers 50% rebates on installed solar net-metering? \$1b spent on smart meters alone could have provided 200,000 homes in BC with 5kw solar net-metering at 50% rebate. We need to step slowly and carefully here and think about the future of energy. A lot of decisions don't make common sense here.