

**Date Submitted:** September 14, 2019

**Proceeding name:** BC Hydro Net Metering Service Amendment Application

**Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party:** Yes, Interested Party

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**Comment:**

I am writing to express my support for Net Metering and my opposition to BC Hydro's application to Amend Net Metering Service (Project No. 1599004). I invested \$15,000 dollars as an early adopter in photovoltaics and a solar water heater ten years ago, bought an electric car and worked very hard to reduce my energy consumption so that I could be part of a movement of engaged citizens working to reshape the energy grid of the future. Net Metering enables new sources of clean power, creates jobs, adds resiliency to our grid and proves that distributed power generation can work. I was particularly inspired by the huge advances made in Germany when individual solar investment was not only supported but incentivized and always thought that BC Hydro would see the importance of this policy change. I am also a advocate for small scale energy projects and have been a critic of mega HEP projects like Site C for decades. They destroy biodiversity, cultural lands, and add carbon to the atmosphere. Net metering allows an alternative to mega projects. Our Net Metering community is growing and organized. We will not stand by and allow BC Hydro to roll back our potential to grow and share clean solar power. As a regulator mandated to protect the public interest, please reject the punitive sizing restrictions and rate reductions proposed by BC Hydro's amendment application, and ensure that the broader community is consulted about the future of our shared clean energy grid.