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Proceeding name: BCUC Inquiry into Gasoline and Diesel Prices in BC

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party: No

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Comment:
Many constituents have written to our constituency office concerned about the price of gas in Powell River. The current price of gas here is 159.9 and this has not changed since April 2019. When gas prices across the province went up in March/April, Powell River's went up to 163.9 and then back down to 159.9 in early June. However, every other community in the province went down more than 10-20 cents. These high gas prices are a huge burden to our isolated community. The transportation of gas to Powell River has never been an issue before. The transportation of gas to Powell River would not cause the price of gas to stay at 159.9. To give perspective: Powell River and Comox have always been within 10 cents of each other. Right now, Comox is 144.9 -- a 15 cent difference. We have questions re: how 159.9 is the price of gas in Powell River? Is the gas that comes here subjected to the 18.5 cents Transit Fuel Tax in Vancouver? To explain a bit more: is the gas that comes to Powell River purchased in Vancouver? And when it's purchased, is it subjected to the 18.5 cents? We would like clear answers. Many constituents are angry and want things to change. Thank you.