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Proceeding name: BC Hydro CCF Pilot – Year One Evaluation Report

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

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Comment:

I am interested in this proceeding because it is an undemocratic charge on my bill. It has been implemented without the support of the BC OAPO as reported in several media; there has never been a resolution passed which supports the crisis fund taxing of all residents of BC, as a former member of the OAPO I know this for a fact. I see the charge as a "charitable donation" and I have a right to choose which charity I support, not have to "donate" against my will. BC Hydro is a for-profit organization and could easily set up a slush fund to provide for those very few people among its large client base who simply cannot pay their bills and get behind in payments. The amount of admin costs are ridiculously high and not in proportion to the financial help provided. The reported reason "not enough people are aware they can apply for help; or not enough advertising of this fund" is outrageous... that is the responsibility of BC Hydro and it an unacceptable reason. Why is this not prominently displayed on BC Hydro's webpage? If this "crisis fund" is going to be part of the billing, it needs to be not a choice not part of the bill. BC Hydro has put hundreds of thousands of dollars into projects which are not environmentally sound and not needed (like Site C) and this is creating huge costs for tax payers. If money is available for such projects why isn't money available for helping out those very few customers out of their huge customer base that do need a helping hand? The accounting of the first year shows poor management of this project with high overhead and very little paid out and a huge amount left over ... I cannot support such poor management of a fund that is comprised of my money and the money of my neighbours, community and others in the province.