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Comment:

My name is Peter Rook. My wife Bonnie and I own a home in Cosens Bay. We also own one share of CB Powerline Ltd. and are Series 1 participants in the project presently under BCUC review to bring grid based electricity to Cosens Bay. We have owned in Cosens Bay for thirty years. Our home is one of many in Cosens Bay that is fully capable of year round occupancy. It has three bedrooms, two bath rooms, and a two car garage. We draw water from Kalamalka Lake and have a modern and approved septic system. Without grid electricity we are restricted in the enjoyment of our property. Due to the North facing aspect and steep terrain behind, solar power is limited in early Spring and late Fall and absolutely useless in Winter. We are required to supplement solar power with generator power to even run the relatively light loads of lighting and water pumping. Electric heating and air conditioning are just not possible. From November until March we must rely on wood combustion or propane for heat. Because propane heat requires generator power to run the fan, it is not reliable. As well, the wood stove requires constant feeding and is also not reliable if not attended. If we wish to occupy our home when it is freezing we cannot leave it unattended for more than twelve hours. With grid electricity we would be able to reduce our wood consumption by about two cords a year, our propane by about two hundred gallons, and our gasoline by about eighty gallons. The savings from our home alone would be a win for the environment. Some have suggested an "islanded" solution for Cosens Bay. Having a large diesel generator running all day everyday would not be good for the environment, to say nothing about the noise pollution. In our opinion, CB Powerline's CPCN application offers a viable and fair way to electrify Cosens Bay. I hope our letter helps the panel to understand the need.