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Dear British Columbia Utilities Commission,

I am writing this e-mail with respect to the proposed project to provide electricity to Cosens Bay. My family and I are strongly in support of this project for several reasons, most of which pertain to the safety of my family, the families that enjoy the other properties in the area, the wildlife and the surrounding area itself.

Currently three generations of my family, soon to be four, enjoy our property in Cosens Bay as much as we possibly can. We have always managed with propane and have even enjoyed the element of “camping” it brought to our property. That said, our safety concerns surrounding the use of propane far outweigh the benefits of the more rustic feel. Our property and many of the others that we know of are running on extremely outdated propane systems.

I have significant concerns regarding the fire hazard these outdated systems pose to both people’s safety within their own individual cabins, as well as the risk associated with a potential fire spreading rapidly through the surrounding area, which we know from past experience in the Okanagan region is a very real risk. Not only do I feel propane is a fire hazard, but I also have concerns about possible leaks impacting air quality within properties. For example, a large enough leak could pose lethal to occupants if they’re sleeping.

Another safety concern that will be addressed with electricity is outside lighting. The majority of the properties have outhouses which require either uneven terrain, or stairs to get to. In the dark this is currently navigated with flashlights, which are often inadequate to ensure proper sight. This is concerning for me as I look to the safety for the older members of my family, some of whom have already suffered a fall in the past.

I believe that access to electricity will greatly reduce these risks as property owners such as ourselves are willing to outfit their cabins with wiring up to current code to protect both ourselves, and the surrounding area.

Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park has been such an important place for our family and many good friends over the years. The addition of electricity will only make it a more enjoyable place. Electricity will help reduce noise and pollution in the area, which would be beneficial for residents in the area, people and wildlife alike. Due to the propane systems, generators are often running in the area polluting the air and creating significant noise. In addition, people are running their cars often to charge things like their phones. Reducing both the noise and pollution will make the Park more enjoyable for everyone.

Please consider the above as you review the application to bring electricity to Cosens Bay. There are many positives to gain by going forward with this project.

Thank you,

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