

**To:** [BCUC](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of Comment - CBP CPCN Application - Graham Ethier  
**Date:** Saturday, January 9, 2021 10:07:37 AM

---

**Date Submitted:** January 09, 2021

**Proceeding name:** CBP CPCN Application

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

**Name (first and last):** Graham Ethier

**City:** Kamloops

**Province:** British Columbia

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone number:** [REDACTED]

**Comment:**

I am submitting this letter to voice my, and my family's, support for this project. As more and more typical household items depend on electricity, access to grid electricity becomes more and more of a basic necessity. A project to supply power to the properties in Cosens Bay will deliver numerous benefits to the residents and environment. While individual small-scale solar power may seem to be a potentially viable option for some properties, the significant limitations of these systems become very apparent in the fall, winter, and spring seasons when solar irradiance drops due to snowfall and sun angle over the forested and mountainous terrain to the south of the lakeshore. Stable grid electricity will allow those who require access to plug-in medical devices to spend more time at their properties without having to worry about their health and welfare. Electricity will reduce residents' reliance on propane gas and wood fuels for heating, lighting, and cooking, while also eliminating the need to operate gasoline or diesel powered generators for electricity. The availability of electrical power will also afford property owners the choice of commuting to their homes in electric vehicles, helping to further reduce our overall reliance on fossil fuels. Lastly, reliable electrical power will give property owners the ability to operate high-speed internet and year-round monitored security systems and cameras to help improve their personal safety and security in the event of an emergency, particularly in the winter months when fewer neighbours are around. This is a project which will make direct and tangible improvements for the property owners in Cosens Bay without having any adverse environmental, social, or financial impacts. It is being 100% privately funded and driven by the property owners whom it affects, and I personally think this type of infrastructure project deserves a great deal of support. Some may even argue that this sort of project should receive access to government grants and subsidies. We all look forward to seeing this project move ahead.