By the time construction of Site C started, BC Hydro had already known for quite sometime that the decision to build Site C was based on a forecast for electricity demand that was no longer valid. In 2007 the demand for electricity was around 60 thousand gWh (giga watt hours). The feasibility study for Site C, also dated 2007, forecast that by 2027 the demand would be between 75 and 84 thousand gWh. In fact demand has not grown at all since 2007 and in February of this year Hydro projected no growth through 2019. Why was it decided to continue with the project when it was well known that it might no longer be feasible? A cynic might say it didn't matter because any shortfall in the revenues projected for the sale of power from Site C could be covered by simply raising tariffs on all electricity sales.

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