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Dear Commissioners

RE: Costs of Shale (‘bedrock’) Stabilization of Site C

I recently sent you hard copies of the information on the shales, gravel lenses and clays present in the sedimentary basin of the Peace River specific to the proposed Site C dam site.

The costs of attempting to stabilize these materials has not been quantified by the professionals engaged in the project. It is incumbent on you and your commission to address these unknown builder costs.

Dams traditionally cost up to double the budgeted costs. For example, the WAC Bennett Dam was budgeted at $400 Million in 1963 and the final costs were in excess of $900 Million in 1968.

The sedimentary materials present at the proposed Site C dam site will ensure that the $8.8 Billion budget will escalate dramatically. These builder costs will need to be a part of your consideration for the future of this unnecessary and costly publicly funded project.

I look forward to an honest, objective and thorough assessment of the real costs associated with Site C.

Yours truly
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