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B. C. Utilities Commission
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Attention: Commission Secretary and Members of the Commission

I am writing in respect to the Site C Inquiry as published in our local newspaper, and I shall try to state my opinion as simply as possible.

1. It is true that we probably do not need the power today; however, with the influx of people into B. C. power will certainly become an issue in the near future.
2. Hydro Electric power is the cleanest power available at the present time. Building the dam certainly stirs up pollutants, however, any kind of construction does the same thing.
3. Any excess power produced by the dam can be sold to the states or Alberta, through the present grid system. It is my understanding that we do buy power from the grid at present.
4. And, most importantly of all, at least 2,500 people will be laid off, and the subcontractors, will find themselves in the unfortunate position of losing their equipment.. This happened before in the North when the NDP was in power and decided to tax the mining companies for the ore in the ground. The mining companies folded their tents and left everyone out of work, and heavy equipment operators and owners lost their equipment and, in some cases, their homes when they "went broke".
5. This same argument happened in Oregon with the environmental advocates against the dam on the Detroit River. Now that reservoir is one of the best recreational areas in Oregon plus the dam supplies power.

There are more points in favor of the dam, but this is a good start.

Yours truly,


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