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I am a relatively well educated B.C. citizen who was appalled by the previous Provincial Government's decision to proceed with Site C construction in the absence of a referral to your Commission. My view is shaped by the very obvious negative consequences of the project which I felt, and still feel can only be overridden by the most overwhelming economic advantages, none of which I have been able to appreciate. I understand that there are many much more qualified voices in our community who are challenging the so-called economic imperative of the project. I don't pretend to have grasped enough of the details in order to offer a fully informed opinion, but I'm writing nevertheless to urge the Commission to apply a standard of judgement by which only the most evident and powerful economic case submitted by the project's proponents, should prevail over the many competing interests. I will add that I have for some time held the strong view that B.C. Hydro's multi-million investment in the project to date should not justify continuation of a project that cannot be justified on its merits. Yours very truly, Graham Leslie