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Comment: BC Hydro will probably give the same biased findings regarding solar power that I submitted previously. That file was sent regarding project # 3698845 and I was listed as E-65 under letters of comment. The information was too technical for any lay person to understand and I don't know if the Commission will be able to either. Loading up with too much information is a diversion tactic and I hope you will get Hydro to be more open and straight forward with their submissions.
Will the Commission ask for how much power is produced by the Independent Producers? It is my understanding that Hydro is forced to purchase from them first, at a higher rate than what it is sold for, and that Hydro spills water until more power is needed. If that is the case, I don't see how Hydro can project future demand when they already have a surplus that they can't use.
The Government of the day made sure that hydro would only come from the Independents and Site C. No other form of power production was to be looked at. What was not taken in account was the transmission line that would lose power over the long distances whereas solar is local and immediate. As for a choice to shut down and bear the cost, I think this is preferable to the huge cost overruns which will inevitably occur. There are plenty of examples in BC of this let alone the big ones back east. Those people will be paying an exorbitant amount for hydro and the BC taxpayer does not want that burden.
This project was turned down twice before, which is why the Government did not allow the Commission to be studying it this time. Whatever the reasons for turning it down before probably apply today.
Thank you