Dear British Columbia Utilities Commission,

Thank you very much for providing members of the public the opportunity to state their position on the construction of the Site C dam.

I hereby wish to state my opposition to this dam, partly on environmental grounds, partly due to its enormous cost, as well as to its construction being fought against by many First Nations' groups as well as farmers living in the area.

Flooding some of the most valuable agricultural land in the province seems very foolhardy. The United States and other countries south of Canada might well not be able to continue supplying the huge amount of food they export to Canadians each year. Climate change is damaging previously rich agricultural areas to our south and Canada will likely have to meet substantially more of its population's food needs than is currently the case. The farmers of the Peace River area could have an even more substantial part to play in supplying food in the future.

That many First Nations have opposed the project should have been sufficient reason to nix it in the first place. The Federal Liberals promised to focus on reconciliation with First Nations. Destroying land they hold dear is hardly a way to reconcile.

As to the nine billion dollars the project has been estimated to cost, it appears from that if the dam is built, its cost will balloon well beyond this figure and leave British Columbians with a heavy debt burden.

I fervently hope your Commission will say "No" to the continued construction of Site C.

Sincerely,
Rosalind Britten