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Dear British Columbia Utilities Commission,

I am writing to urge you to reject the Site C Dam as a complete waste of tax payers money, as an unnecessary destruction of the landscape and river system which is the habitat for wildlife we want to preserve, and because it is a short sighted old technology for power that has now been shown to be obsolete. There is no good reason for allowing this project to continue.

The financial costs of continuing with construction are just too high especially given reports that suggest it could go significantly over-budget. Rather than spend so much money on a dam we don't need, the lowest cost option is to just cancel the dam.

There are better alternatives. BC can meet all its energy needs through building retrofits, energy efficiency, and investing in renewable energy. The BC NDP's own Power BC plan lays out a plan to create more jobs and better value.

The environmental damage it would cause is not justified. The dam would "cause significant adverse effects on fish and fish habitat...birds and bats...rare plants, and sensitive ecosystems." Since there are alternatives, these impacts can not be justified.

The project does not have the consent of the Treaty 8 First Nations. This project will have a devastating impact on the treaty and Aboriginal rights of Treaty 8 First Nations. The project will eliminate these First Nations' ability to continue their way of life and will severely curtail their treaty-protected constitutional rights to hunt, fish, trap, harvest and carry out their practices on their land.

The Site C Dam is clearly not in the public interest. Please recommend to the BC Government that this project be canceled.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Van Kirk

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