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To: [Site C Submissions BCUC:EX](#)
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Dear British Columbia Utilities Commission,

I am writing to urge you to carefully consider the long-term impacts of the Site C dam in light of the present situation. According to a report prepared for your commission by Deloitte, there is a growing chance that the project will go significantly over-budget. As one of the largest public projects in BC history, full costs and benefits must be weighed carefully and it is not clear this is happening.

For instance, the project does not have the consent of the Treaty 8 First Nations, which means it carries significant social costs that need to be factored in.

There are also serious questions as to whether the power is for tar-sands oil production or LNG fracking expansion, or whether it is to supplant such dangerous sources. The answer to that question is central to medium and long-term cost-benefit analyses. BC must actively withdraw support from such climate-destroying industries. Hydro is relatively "clean", but this advantage is nullified if it is used for dirty energy production.

Finally, it is not clear whether this is the best way to meet our power needs into the medium and long term. The distributed electricity production system is growing very quickly and could make qualitative leaps if supported, such that this centralized model is no longer advantageous. Dams are actively being removed from many rivers in NA, which may be pertinent.

Overall, it is not clear to many of us that the Site C Dam is in the public interest; indeed, there is increasing suspicion that it is not. For a project of this magnitude and lifespan, this is worrisome.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Arne Mooers

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