Dear British Columbia Utilities Commission,

I am writing to urge you to recommend that the Site C Dam be rejected, on the grounds that the project is: unnecessary; financially irresponsible; environmentally disastrous; will negatively impact future food security; and is contrary to national Indigenous reconciliation policy, and, therefore, our Constitution.

Should your commission choose to carefully consider the Deloitte report prepared for you, a decision to cancel this project on financial grounds is the obvious and responsible choice.

As the project is significantly harmful to the environment, according to the project's environmental assessment, which indicates that the project will cause "significant adverse effects on fish and fish habitat...birds and bats...rare plants, and sensitive ecosystems," proceeding with such a project would be irresponsible to current and future British Columbians. We have a responsibility to carefully steward our environment. The Site C dam is contrary to our environmental responsibility, and the dam's permanent negative impacts are unjustifiable.

Better power alternatives are: available; financially feasible; and better for our environment, food security, future power needs, First Nations, and our economy.

Site C should not proceed on the basis alone that it will eliminate First Nations ability to continue their way of life, as building this dam requires quashing First Nations Rights to Their Lands.

This project is not in the public interest. I urge you to ensure that it is cancelled, for the benefit of future generations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lori Waters