Dear British Columbia Utilities Commission,

We have seen way too many decisions that have left a trail of disaster and destruction. Let us not repeat the history by approving the Site C Dam when there is already abundant evidence that it would be an expensive, maybe criminal mistake.

The serious financial and environmental problems of the project are well documented. It is also evident that it totally runs counter to the goal of seeking reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Accept as sunk funds the money already spend and stop wasting good money on the trail of the bad one. Just cancel the dam. It is not needed and it is worse than bad environmentally and socially.

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 how we can create more jobs and better value.

The environmental impacts are not justified. The project’s environmental assessment concluded that the dam would “cause significant adverse effects on fish and fish habitat...birds and bats...rare plants, and sensitive ecosystems.” Given that 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,

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