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BCUC INQUIRY RESPECTING SITE C

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Hello Commission Secretary,

Please accept my apology for not being at the hearing I registered for in Hudson's Hope last night. I am attaching my write-up hoping that you may accept it as part of set of ideas that have been presented.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Hello everyone, my name is Amy Meyer. I would first like to say thank-you to everyone here, and especially the people of the BCUC for being here to both hear us - the people, and oversee proposed projects. I am not an expert, but I see and listen, and I have come to mistrust the experts that presently control our province and resources. So perhaps my presentation goes beyond the parameters laid out. I hope you will consider my thoughts anyways.

I'd also like to say that I do not consider myself an enemy to either BCHydro/Govt/or industry or the people that work there. And yes – I have a car and use electricity in my home. That is not the point. How we get there is the point. We all have to share living, working, and enjoying this home we call BC. I'm so glad we live in a democracy where people not only have a right to say, but to have true influence over decisions made.

I am aghast about where our governments are headed. I see the site C project as a **big red flag**. This project is bad, Bad, BAD. *(for all the reasons previously presented + /loss of ag land, loss of habitat, sacrifice area, bad/missing financial and other forecasts)*

The precedent it sets is worse. NEVER again should any BC government be so arrogant and flippant with the citizens and rate payers of BC, and our resources ! We are a 'have' province, and we have a right to expect first class management of our resources, and proper returns on same.

STOP SITE C NOW AND FOREVER, go to plan B. Surely if the energy is that important there must be a plan B? Remediate that land. Remove the flood reserve, and sell the lands back to the people of BC.

Government is meant to work for us, the citizens of BC. It is their main 'reason to be'.

So what about the money? We hear about billions of dollars planned to borrow and spend. We hear about it so often it becomes a 'new normal'. Once the blush of capital expenditure is over – and those funds siphoned away - then what?

What's in it for the regular citizen of BC? So far, it is short terms jobs for some people during the construction 'blush', and not all BC people. Is that really enough? Really?

We have heard nothing about the future. For perpetuity the reservoirs of BC (some 60) will retain water as latent energy. For perpetuity the generators will use the water to generate power and money. Money will flow continuously into both 'Hydro' and Govt.

- At any point were they planning to give the residents of BC rate breaks?
- And what about those dividends to the province?

Surely WAC (Bennett) had in mind that the massive financial benefits of BC's hydro resources would go to finance services for our citizens for perpetuity. Things like hospitals and schools, and all the staff and services/supplies required to function properly. We have noticed frightening choices in management of our BC healthcare and education. etc. Beware those that would privatize any further our hydro resources, or for that matter – other resources too. *(note: I borrowed the word perpetuity from one of BCH*

own PR guys – during the JRP process, he was asked about how long would the WAC Bennett Dam and reservoir last, and he said ‘perpetuity’ in a sentence.. cannot remember it all – but evidently BCH uses that concept in their plans...)

Where does all the money go? We have to show our income, and use standardized procedures. Don’t you think it’s time gov’t and ‘hydro’ did too? We want to ensure the future for our children and grandchildren. Government has to be better - open – transparent, making good choices for BC. **It is all connected** and I for one do not want the government to go the USA route, or the global route in managing our province.

I can just hear people thinking ‘oh Amy... you are way over yer head !!!’ That is my point. We have very well paid experts in government that aren’t ‘doing it’ for us. Things need to be managed better and ethically. Is that too naïve? Maybe, but it has been done before, it can be done again.

Thank-you for listening, and a special thank-you to the panel of BCUC.

I do not expect that the BCUC expects actual expert input from a non expert such as me, so any liberties I took in the submission will hopefully be accepted regardless - There are a lot of citizens of BC out there just like me that are angry about this. No longer can we just ‘trust the experts’. There has to be accountability .