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BCUC INQUIRY RESPECTING SITE C

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My comments are on the whole scheme.

I think the the whole reason for taking on the site C project is to try to catch up with the growing demand of electricity.

This view and opinion is now passé.

There is also the view that the excess power could be sold to our neighbor to the south. This, however, is also not true when one sees the speed with which people in the south are using solar panel

Both the above views do not take into consideration that there is a fast growing awareness of the possibility of generating power through solar panels and wind turbines.

It is my opinion that the province would save millions of dollars if it gave incentives to house owners and the bigger bodies to set up solar panels on the roof of homes and other industrial buildings.

It is sad that the oil lobby is so strong that no assistance whatsoever is offered to citizens who can set up solar panels and wind turbines thereby taking full advantage of the renewable resource, which will make us less dependent on the electricity provided. It is true that in BC most of the power is provided from dams. Well we should continue to take advantage of what we already have but we should not go ahead and flood very valuable farm land and flood land that has been used for centuries by the inhabitants and the wild life and the trees- all very important items of our society.

My submission is that instead of spending millions in building the dam and instead of flooding valuable land to the people and the wild life, start as a matter of urgency a policy of incentive to those who can generate alternative renewable resource.

Even if the work has already started at the dam, it is not late to stop the the scandalous expenses at such great cost both financially and the society.

Let us participate in making our country great.

The system will also help the families who participate to have a smaller invoice to pay to BC Hydro..