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There are NO other viable, constant, reliable power sources within even .20/KWH cost of this project; both Ontario and Alberta are clear examples of the folly of entrusting electrical demand to unreliable so called 'green' initiatives such as industrial wind turbines or land consuming solar supplementary power systems.

Both the fully unsustainable wind turbines(with an outside lifespan of 20-25 years per unit/per project, and immense environmental degradation in construction, transportation and zero job creation upon completion) and solar panels (similar lifespan, immense cost and huge land requirements - unsustainable to large populations) are completely unfeasible. Many of us reside in areas where co-generation fully destabilizes the land we reside on, and completely disrupts our water sources and watersheds. Even Bill Gates has repeatedly commented on the folly of pursuing these inefficient sources of energy as legitimate alternatives globally.

I resided in Revelstoke BC for 20 years, and watched the care, constant upgrading and environmental balance being re-established in the valley. The communities are healthy, wildlife restoration has been exceptional, but even more, the community and resident understanding of the importance of stewardship of the land/water and resources exceeds that of any other area of this Province - largely due to the ongoing efforts - and monetary gain - provided by the Columbia River Treaty and consultation/restoration work by BC Hydro.

The Power requirements of this province will NEVER decrease, and even with every effort by Hydro at hand to conserve power and energy, will continue to be a priority to ensure human life in this Province.

While it may be fine for someone in Vancouver to be without heat, light, and/or air-conditioning or refrigeration in the middle of winter or summer, this is a deadly - absolutely life threatening - issue for those who reside in the Northern or mountainous climes of BC, or the seniors residing in the Okanagan. This Site C is the difference between life and death - and for either the BCUC or the current government to consider temporarily halting or cancelling this project risks the very lives of BC residents and their families in future years. The environmental and financial impacts of this project can be easily overcome by the residents of this province - reviving the dead, particularly the infirmed or elderly who are lost due to simple lack or shortage of power will not be possible.

Please do NOT postpone this vital, critically important project; most of us are aware that it will be your disastrous legacy if you do so, and to do so clearly ignores the extreme weather, peak season extreme high demand electrical needs of BC residents of today, and those of our children of tomorrow.