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Promoting good governance in BC's energy sector

Welcome to the Just and Reasonable newsletter, I hope my BC readers enjoyed a good long weekend.

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"The Editor"

Feature article



A tale of two pipelines

One pipeline proposal accepted, another rejected. What will the BCUC do next?

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In other news

The BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) [approved](#) an application from Pacific Northern Gas (PNG) to spend \$5.3 million on energy conservation between 2025 and 2027. The spending includes incentives for dual-fuel heating systems and natural gas heat pumps.

The BC government is kicking in \$200 million to [facilitate](#) electrification of the north coast's Cedar

LNG project, much to the consternation of the Green Party, who accuse the government of “greenwashing”. The terminal is expected to export LNG to non-US markets by 2028.

The US Energy Information Administration (EIA) [reports](#) that energy trade between the US and Canada remained steady in 2024 at an estimated US\$151 billion, compared with \$154 billion in 2023. Most of this trade is US energy imports from Canada - US\$124 billion last year, compared to exports of US\$27 billion.

New records were set for US electricity demand over 2 days in July, [according](#) to the EIA, mainly due to demand growth and more energy used for cooling due to hot weather.

An advisory opinion issued by the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands, [ruled](#) that countries have an obligation to protect the environment from greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and that failure to do so may incur legal challenges.

In contrast, the BBC [reports](#) the Trump administration plans to end the 2009 Endangerment Finding, which decreed that GHG emissions pose a risk to public health. If scrapped, it will effectively end the ability of the US Environmental Protection Agency to regulate carbon emissions. The move is subject to an interagency review and will likely face court challenges.

The plan for a tasty fish dinner didn't pan out for a tired [osprey](#) after it dropped its catch onto a BC Hydro power line. Sparks, caused by the unlucky fish bouncing off the wires, started a small brush fire and briefly knocked out power to the town of Ashcroft. The hapless (and hungry) osprey, which had flown approximately three kilometres with the fish, was uninjured. The fish, which was clearly having a worse day, was found deceased at the scene.

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Recent articles



PNG-West gas customers face rate increase of almost 28 percent in 2025

The utility is looking to collect unbilled expenditures that kept rates lower in previous years.

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Are municipalities wasting money on BCUC legal challenges?



It's costing municipal taxpayers and energy ratepayers a lot of money to challenge the BCUC's decisions in court. The BCUC hasn't been proven wrong yet.

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"We don't see things as they are, we see things as we are."

Anais Nin

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