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"The Editor"

### Feature article



#### BC's climate achievements may be over-stated

From misleading government press releases to statistical revisions, it's hard to be sure BC has made any progress at all reducing GHG emissions. And things are about to get worse.

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### In other news

The BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) **approved** a 6 percent increase in BC Hydro's public fast-charging rate for electric vehicles, effective April 1. The utility had only requested a 5 percent increase, but the BCUC concluded that the rate should be higher to ensure that its costs were properly recovered, following a forecast that the previous rate would only recover 45 percent of BC Hydro's costs in the 2024/25 year.

The BCUC **accepted** an agreement for BC Hydro to purchase electricity from the Haida Solar North Project, a solar generating facility serving Masset, an area not connected to the provincial electricity grid. The BCUC was prevented by the Clean Energy Act from reviewing whether the

contract was in the public interest, and the terms of the contract with the First Nations-owned facility remain confidential.

Amazon Energy is [reported](#) to have outbid Puget Sound Energy to purchase the bankrupt 1.2 gigawatt Sunstone solar project in Oregon for US\$83 million. Amazon has faced power constraints in the Pacific northwest as it expands its data centres; the new project will also provide 7,200 megawatt hours of battery storage. Construction is expected to start this year.

The International Energy Agency [released](#) its Electricity 2026 report. The IEA predicts that global electricity demand is forecast to grow at a "brisk" average annual rate of 3.6 percent until 2030, driven by rising consumption from electric vehicles, air conditioning and data centres, among other uses.

The Richland nuclear plant in Washington State is [back online](#) after a 5-day safety shutdown. The state's only nuclear plant produces 1.2 gigawatts of electricity, and was closed after both reactor water recirculation pumps "tripped" after a small electric filter failed.

## Recent articles



### The BC government's electrification strategy is failing

The government has been promoting electrification without knowing where the electricity will come from. The dire consequences for BC's economy are becoming clearer.

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### BC government announces possible electricity deal with Ksi Lisims LNG facility

But if the deal doesn't go ahead, will the North Coast Transmission Line be a white elephant paid for by BC Hydro ratepayers?

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# Diversion

Celebrate the brief interlude of sunshine on the BC south coast with a Chambord Royale cocktail.

## Ingredients:

- 1/2 shot of Chambord black raspberry liqueur
- Sparking wine

## Instructions:

1. Pour Chambord liqueur into chilled flute champagne glass
2. Top up with sparkling wine
3. Garnish with raspberry or blackberry

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