



Just and Reasonable

Promoting good governance in BC's energy sector

Welcome to the second anniversary edition of the Just and Reasonable newsletter.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed ideas, feedback and public sources of information over the last two years. The 71 issues of the newsletter so far wouldn't have been the same without you!

Also, thanks to the real editors who strive to make my writing readable. Grammar never were my strong point.

"The Editor"

Feature article



The BC government plans to ration electricity – there might be a better alternative

Rationing electricity for new data centres and artificial intelligence businesses is bad for our economy. The government should be bolder, and expand the opportunities for private sector generation.

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In other news

The BC Court of Appeal [upheld](#) a decision by the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) that Powell River Energy Inc. is a public utility. The company had argued it only sold energy to subsidiary companies, and therefore wasn't selling to another person (which makes it bound by the Utilities Commission Act). The court disagreed.

Powell River Energy Inc. also **failed** to obtain an electricity export permit from the Canadian Energy Regulator (CER) for its hydroelectric generation, after the application was **opposed** by local residents and a First Nation. The CER is now considering granting an export licence, which may require a public hearing and may be denied.

The CER published a **snapshot** of residential electricity prices across Canada. Bills for a household consuming 1,000 kilowatt hours per month range from \$83 to \$375, excluding taxes.

US electricity generation hit another record in 2025, **according** to the Energy Information Administration (EIA). The 4.43 terawatt hours generated were up 2.8 percent on the 2024 figure. Growth is expected to continue in 2026 and 2027.

The EIA also **reports** that liquified natural gas (LNG) developers signed the largest volume of "sale and purchase" agreements in 2025 since 2022. These agreements are reportedly essential to investors reaching final investment decisions for new facilities; the rise of signings is attributed to increased LNG demand in Europe and Asia.

Recent articles



BC budget signals further interference with BC Hydro rates

The recent budget suggests the BCUC will be sidestepped again. It's been years since BC Hydro's rates were set independently; the new Auditor General should take a good, hard look.

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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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Diversion

The Velvet Old Fashioned cocktail.

Ingredients:

- 2 shots Scotch whisky
- 1/4 shot Pedro Ximenez Sherry
- 1/4 shot simple syrup (optional)
- 2 dashes Angostura bitters

Instructions:

1. Stir ingredients in ice
2. Strain into a chilled glass with a block of ice
3. Garnish with orange peel

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