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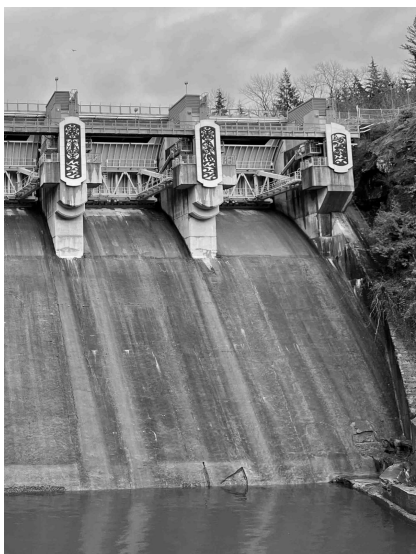
Promoting good governance in BC's energy sector

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"The Editor"

Feature article



Does BC Hydro require permission from the Utilities Commission to shut down a dam?

Only regulatory nerds with an appreciation for science fiction comedy need read any further. But a lot may be riding on this question.

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In other news

Phase 2 of the expansion of FortisBC's Tilbury Island liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility **received** its provincial environmental assessment certificate. The government says the \$3.1 billion, six-year project will create more than 1,000 construction jobs, but will **result** in greenhouse gas emissions that are "not zero" (**actually** around 180,000 tonnes per year, 0.3 percent of BC's 2022 total). Three First Nations submitted notices of non-consent.

The BC Energy Regulator (BCER) **published** LNG Canada's Black Smoke Emissions Report. The report describes 20 "black smoke events" earlier this year associated with start-up, maintenance and emergencies. The BCER is overseeing preventative measures and continuing to monitor air quality in the Kitimat area.

The Federal government is [moving ahead](#) with its plans to streamline regulation of some energy projects. Pipelines and transmission lines that cross international and provincial borders will no longer be subject to an environmental review by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada.

Recent articles



BC Hydro's electricity imports top \$2 billion in three years

BC Hydro has now spent \$2.1 billion in three years on imports. Even if the drought ends, BC should consider being more self-sufficient in electricity.

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The government is in a bind over BC's electricity rates

Windfall earnings from energy trading have allowed BC Hydro to avoid large rate increases, while reporting record profits. But it looks like the party's over.

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