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Promoting good governance in BC's energy sector

Welcome to the Just and Reasonable newsletter. I hope my Canadian readers enjoyed their Thanksgiving weekend.

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"The Editor"

Feature article



Premier Eby rediscovers virtues of independent regulation as provincial election nears

BC's Premier wants the BC Utilities Commission to help him manage gas prices. After years of bypassing the BC Utilities Commission and compromising its independence, this cynical move is nothing but election-driven opportunism.

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In other news

The BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) [allowed](#) BC Hydro, the provincially-owned electricity utility, to defer its next rates application because of the snap election campaign. However, the BCUC didn't give BC Hydro the free pass it had asked for - instead, the utility was ordered to file for new rates by February 26, 2027 (current rates expire March 31, 2027).

The BCUC **rejected** a complaint that BC Hydro had started work on its new substation project in the west end of Vancouver prior to receiving permission to proceed. TELUS is relocating some telecommunications facilities to accommodate the new substation, including removing a tree, but the BCUC determined that this did not constitute improperly starting the substation project.

Ksi Lisims LNG **signed** a 20-year agreement to sell 1 million tonnes of liquified natural gas (LNG) to Centrica, a UK company. This brings the total sales to date of LNG from the proposed Ksi Lisims facility to 9 million tonnes per annum, out of a potential 12 million.

The Federal government **designated** the proposed oil pipeline from Alberta to BC's southwest coast as its first "project of national interest". The project, now known as Pacific Link, will enjoy "accelerated approval processes", which should conclude by September 2027. Pacific Link will be equally owned by the Canadian and Albertan governments, with Indigenous communities being offered equity interest.

A new **survey** finds that 63 percent of British Columbians support building new LNG facilities in the province, including 60 percent of NDP and 47 percent of Green party supporters. 64 percent of British Columbians support building Pacific Link.

Recent articles



Municipal legal challenges to BCUC decisions continue to waste taxpayers' money

Richmond and Coquitlam have been ordered by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to disclose how much they've spent appealing BCUC decisions. And now Surrey is launching its own "weak" challenge to another decision.

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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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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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"Politicians are like diapers; they need to be changed often and for the same reasons"

Attributed to Mark Twain

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