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Promoting good governance in BC's energy sector

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Feature articles



How will the new government solve BC’s electricity shortages?

The BC Conservatives’ energy proposals will accelerate a shift that started belatedly under the NDP. And more use of natural gas could well be part of the plan.

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Municipalities reveal legal costs to challenge BCUC decisions

Fruitless legal challenges have cost taxpayers in Richmond, Coquitlam and North Vancouver, and ratepayers across the province, over a million dollars. Taxpayers in Surrey should take note.

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In other news

The BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) **approved** BC Hydro's request to build a new $1.5 billion substation in Vancouver's West End. It will replace the 1952 Dal Grauer substation, which has seismic and safety risks, with an underground facility next to a school, topped with a playing field.

The BCUC **accepted** BC Hydro's Integrated Resource Plan, the utility's long-term forecast of electricity demand and how it would be met. The BCUC determined there is a need for BC Hydro to acquire up to 5,000 gigawatt hours of clean or renewable energy by 2034, and up to 400 megawatts of reliable generation capacity by 2030.

The BCUC also **approved** an optional curtailment program for BC Hydro's industrial customers, who could be compensated for not using electricity, when requested. The program is expected to add the equivalent of 70 megawatts of capacity to BC Hydro's system.

The proposed Ksi Lisims LNG project **reportedly** confirmed the sale of one million tonnes of LNG per year, to SEFE, a German utility, in a 20-year contract. This brings the total pre-sold volume to seven million tonnes out of its potential capacity of 12 million, still short of the "70 to 80 percent" required by the investors to proceed with the project.

A BC First Nation has **launched** a legal challenge to the proposed Pacific Link oil pipeline from Alberta to the BC coast. They claim the project is proceeding "in an unlawful and unconstitutional manner". The Federal government recently removed pipelines from the list of projects that must be assessed under the Impact Assessment Act.

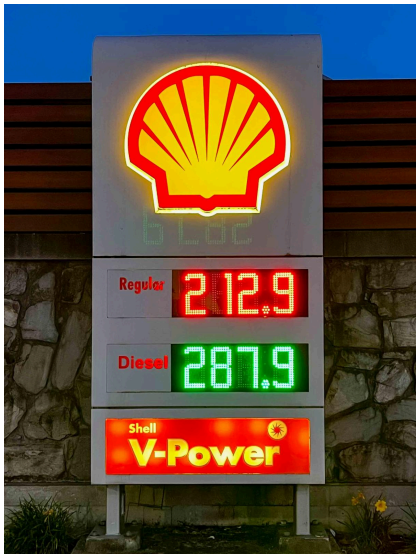
Recent articles



Do climate-concerned voters trust the NDP enough to vote for them?

The BC NDP's support for climate issues has waxed and waned depending on its need for votes from the Green Party. If the NDP loses Saturday's election, it will be due in part to its recent about-turn on the environment.

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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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Diversion

"If we're going to be damned, let's be damned for what we really are."

Captain Jean-Luc Picard, portrayed by Patrick Stewart, who died last week

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