

Facts and figures

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It does not cost B.C. Hydro \$7.19 to produce a megawatt hour of electricity. You have made the same mistake the Opposition did.

This figure is the amount that B.C. Hydro pays in water taxes to produce one megawatt hour. The cost is at least \$28 per megawatt hour and climbing rapidly as huge amounts of money have to be spent to refurbish old dams like Ruskin at an estimated cost of \$850 million. The cost of producing electricity from a new large hydro project like Site C will be at least \$85 per megawatt hour and expect this figure to climb if the project is ever built.

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