

Green energy producers play vital role in future

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To the Editor,

Re: Power producers also generate profits, Letters July 17.

No one needs to manoeuvre through statistics to show that B.C. and B.C. Hydro have become net importers of electricity in recent years or that independent green energy producers are able to produce new electricity supplies for less cost than B.C. Hydro.

Jack Moss only needs to look at B.C. Hydro's recently upgraded Aberfeldie dam which went over budget despite the fact it did not have to build much in the way of new infrastructure nor go through the long and costly environmental review process that new independent projects must undergo.

Going over budget is not typical of projects carried out by the private sector that does not have the luxury to simply raise taxes to cover any cost overruns the way governments and Crown corporations can.

Transferring financial risks away from B.C. taxpayers and B.C. Hydro ratepayers is a clear public benefit that independent green energy producers provide to B.C. taxpayers. Need I remind Moss about B.C. Hydro's failed Duke Point power scheme and the \$120 million loss.

If Moss is genuinely concerned about B.C. taxpayers, he should re-examine his position vis-a-vis independent green energy producers and the key role they play in B.C.'s clean energy future.

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