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Letter - Stacey's view reassuring

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I thoroughly enjoyed Mike Stacey's amusingly creative take on the smart-meter issue ("How to break up with your dumb meter," April 25 Driftwood).

Mr. Stacey beautifully encapsulates the emotional lunacy surrounding the small but noisy opposition to smart meters. Well done!

In my experience, a typical anti-smart-meter rant is as crazy and as poorly informed as Mr. Stacey has portrayed: "Are you stupid? . . . Can't you see? It's Big Brother! BC Hydro is trying to kill you! . . . somebody can hack into the system to find out if your porch light is on . . . It'll kill you in no time flat! . . . Don't come crying to me when your teeth and hair fall out!"

In response to this onslaught of fact-challenged irrationality, the rational, critically minded character in Mr. Stacey's tale sums thing up perfectly by stating: "She wasn't making a hell of a lot of sense . . . I decided that she really wasn't all that bright."

Far from the dangerously heinous conspirators posited by the anti-smart-meter ranks, the BC Hydro that most of us are familiar with, as Mr. Stacey points out, "is a bunch of guys that go out in the middle of the night when it's blowing and snowing to get [our] power back on as quickly as possible."

As Mr. Stacey also correctly points out, "Visible light is electromagnetic radiation, and we're constantly bathed in radiation from cell phones, computers, microwave ovens and killer toasters . . . It's not a malfunctioning nuclear reactor we're talking about here."

Unfortunately, hard facts such as these do not seem to penetrate the fearful irrationality of anti-smart-meter campaigners. These hard facts do indeed fall "on deaf ears."

It's therefore warmly reassuring to know that there are rational, critically minded individuals out there like Mike Stacey who are well-informed and not vulnerable to buying into the fact-challenged irrationality of the anti-smart-meter ranks; people willing to stand up and challenge the claims of anti-smart-meter campaigners.

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