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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2018 9:50 PM  
**To:** Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: BC Hydro Site C Independent Project Assurance

Not sure what to do with this (if anything) so am passing on to you! Happy New Year!

Jen Holmwood  
Deputy Communications Director  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Martyn Phillips <[mphillips@valueassurance.org](mailto:mphillips@valueassurance.org)>  
**Date:** January 2, 2018 at 8:23:15 PM PST  
**To:** <[jen.holmwood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:jen.holmwood@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** <[sshishevan@valueassurance.org](mailto:sshishevan@valueassurance.org)>  
**Subject:** BC Hydro Site C Independent Project Assurance

Dear Ms. Holmwood:

This is in response to the interesting news release of December 11, 2017 regarding the BC Hydro Site C project. We note that you are the designated contact person and **would request your assistance in putting us in touch with the appropriate person** responsible for establishing the Project Assurance Board for the project.

Value Assurance Resources 360 Inc. wishes to express interest in providing independent, project assurance oversight services.

We have been providing project assurance services for over 25 years from our base in Alberta and have conducted project assurance reviews in several countries worldwide. **Our specialism is in project assurance for large civil engineering projects. We provide enhanced, independent and objective oversight for optimum delivery of the required project outcomes with suitable quality and environmental integrity.** Our services have led to implemented savings of hundreds of millions of dollars, as well as optimizing schedules and functionality for defined levels of service and risk.



My own experience spans 4 decades and includes on-site, oversight of heavy civil construction and mechanical / electrical installation. In addition, I have a wealth of experience on program / project economics, value and risk management. Some of my qualifications include having been elected as a Fellow of 4 different, internationally recognized, professional institutions. As well, my co-director of the company is qualified as a Project Management Professional and a Risk Management Professional. Other, well qualified and experienced, technical specialists are available as required.

We will be pleased to provide further details should there be interest in our services. Thank you for any assistance or guidance that you may be able to provide.

Regards and Happy New Year,

*Martyn.*

## Martyn Phillips

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2018 4:40 PM  
**To:** Shaw, Rob  
**Subject:** statement from Premier Horgan on shooting victim

Hi Rob,  
I understand you were looking for comment on the shooting victim in Vancouver. Below is a statement from the Premier.

Cheers,  
Jen

Statement from Premier John Horgan:

"It is a terrible tragedy for an innocent boy to be caught up in this violence. Our hearts go out to his family and friends.

"This violence is unacceptable. We understand the Vancouver Police are pulling together all available resources to catch those responsible. Vancouver Police are getting all necessary support from the province through the anti-gang unit, CFSEU-BC. British Columbians are encouraged to assist the police - if you know anything about this shooting or witnessed anything that could help, please contact them."

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2018 4:41 PM  
**To:** Bailey, Ian  
**Subject:** RE: Comment from the premier: Vancouver Police Provide Update On Shooting That Injured Three

Hi Ian,  
Sorry for the delay. Below is a statement from the premier.

Statement from Premier John Horgan:

"It is a terrible tragedy for an innocent boy to be caught up in this violence. Our hearts go out to his family and friends.

"This violence is unacceptable. We understand the Vancouver Police are pulling together all available resources to catch those responsible. Vancouver Police are getting all necessary support from the province through the anti-gang unit, CFSEU-BC. British Columbians are encouraged to assist the police - if you know anything about this shooting or witnessed anything that could help, please contact them."

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**From:** Bailey, Ian [<mailto:IBailey@globeandmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2018 3:02 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Comment from the premier: Vancouver Police Provide Update On Shooting That Injured Three

Good afternoon,  
I was wondering if the premier has any written comment on this tragic situation, notably, of course, as relates to the 15 year old boy. I am working on a story for tomorrow. My deadline is 4:15 pm  
Regards  
Ian Bailey



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**From:** VPD Media Liaison [<mailto:vpdmedia@vpd.ca>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2018 1:45 PM  
**Subject:** Vancouver Police Provide Update On Shooting That Injured Three

**Vancouver Police Provide Update On Shooting That Injured Three**

SERGEANT JASON ROBILLARD

MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICER | PUBLIC AFFAIRS

VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT | *Beyond the Call*

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2018 4:42 PM  
**To:** keith.baldrey@globalnews.ca  
**Subject:** statement from Premier Horgan on shooting

Hey Keith,  
Here's a something from the Premier on the shooting.

Statement from Premier John Horgan:

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"This violence is unacceptable. We understand the Vancouver Police are pulling together all available resources to catch those responsible. Vancouver Police are getting all necessary support from the province through the anti-gang unit, CFSEU-BC. British Columbians are encouraged to assist the police - if you know anything about this shooting or witnessed anything that could help, please contact them."

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 10:31 AM  
**To:** Shaw, Rob  
**Subject:** Horgan scrum transcript

16-Jan-2018, 12:01

### **Premier - gang violence, spring sitting & mobility pricing**

*By Horgan scrum following Christmas break*

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 10:30 AM  
**To:** Palmer, Vaughn  
**Subject:** RE: shaw, palmer and maybe even baldrey

Here it is! Sorry for the delay – it wasn't up yesterday when I checked. Will send to the others as well.

J

16-Jan-2018, 12:01

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**From:** Palmer, Vaughn [mailto:vpalmer@postmedia.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 9:46 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Subject:** shaw, palmer and maybe even baldrey

all interested in a transcript of the premier Tuesday, if there is one, please.

Thank you.

—vaughn

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, January 19, 2018 1:05 PM  
**To:** Whalen, Amanda  
**Subject:** RE: BNN TV INTERVIEW REQUEST

Hi Amanda,  
He's back at the very end of the month.

The trip's purpose is to enhance and expand economic ties and will include speaking engagements and meetings with government and business leaders to create a broader awareness of B.C.'s strengths in energy, natural resources, low-carbon development, technology and innovation. Tourism is also a focus, as 2018 is the Official China-Canada Year of Tourism.

Jen

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**From:** Whalen, Amanda [<mailto:Amanda.Whalen@bellmedia.ca>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 19, 2018 12:01 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: BNN TV INTERVIEW REQUEST

Hey Jen  
Do you know when he gets back timing roughly?  
And is the purpose of his trip specially LNG or a combination of items? Real Estate?

Amanda

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX [<mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2018 6:02 PM  
**To:** Whalen, Amanda  
**Subject:** RE: BNN TV INTERVIEW REQUEST

Hi Amanda,  
His schedule this week is packed before he leaves for Asia. He is doing a media availability tomorrow at 10am, I've copied the details below, if you'd like to call in.

Let's see if we can set up an interview when he returns from Asia.

Cheers,  
Jen

For Immediate Release

Jan. 15, 2018

Office of the Premier

MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan will be available to media tomorrow.

Event Date: Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018

Time: 10 a.m.

Location:

Outside Room 251  
2nd floor, west side  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria

Dial-in information:

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From elsewhere in Canada and the U.S., toll-free: 1 877 353-9184  
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Contact:

Jen Holmwood  
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Office of the Premier  
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**From:** Whalen, Amanda [<mailto:Amanda.Whalen@bellmedia.ca>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2018 8:03 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Subject:** BNN TV INTERVIEW REQUEST  
**Importance:** High

Hello Jen

Amanda here with BNN, just wondering if you can check to see what Premier John Horgan's schedule looks like this week for a possible TV interview. I would prefer to have this within the 11-12 et./o'clock hour for Commodities but I can be open with my request.

This would be live and about 6-7 minutes in length, we would like to highlight his upcoming tour to Japan, LNG efforts and emissions targets.

Look forward to hearing back  
Amanda

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Amanda Whalen | Chase Producer

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 3:36 PM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: BCUC

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew MacLeod [mailto:amacleod@thetyee.ca]  
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 3:35 PM  
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
Subject: BCUC

Hi Jen--

You've likely seen the BCUC is extending its rate freeze hearings so that the parties can comment on Mr. Horgan's comments in the media:

[http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Proceedings/2018/DOC\\_50620\\_A-36\\_Regulatory-Timetable.pdf](http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Proceedings/2018/DOC_50620_A-36_Regulatory-Timetable.pdf)

I know everyone's away, but wanted to put it out there in case there's any comment to make ...

All the best,

Andrew

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Legislative Bureau Chief  
TheTyee.ca  
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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 4:32 PM  
**To:** Andrew MacLeod  
**Subject:** RE: BCUC

Hey Andrew,

Sorry I missed your call.

We don't see why there would be any need for further hearings as the government's position has not changed. We directed BC Hydro to apply for a 0% increase for 2018 and that is still what we are seeking. That application is before the commission.

Cheers,  
Jen

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 12:25 PM  
**To:** Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Andrew statement for today

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**From:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 12:18 PM  
**To:** Oliver, Jillian LASS:EX; Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Andrew statement for today

Thanks, Jillian.

Sage  
778-678-0832

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**From:** Oliver, Jillian [<mailto:Jillian.Oliver@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 12:16 PM  
**To:** Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Andrew statement for today

Hi Donna and Sage,

I have gotten a few requests from media asking about Andrew's phone call with the Premier tonight and where things stand. I wanted to share what I've been sending so you're aware:

Dr. Weaver and the Premier will speak this evening over the phone. Discussions are also ongoing at the staff level. Dr. Weaver will reiterate the fact that B.C. cannot meet our legislated GHG reduction targets if we build additional fossil fuel infrastructure. As such, the Premier cannot simultaneously commit to meeting our climate targets while cheerleading LNG. Dr. Weaver also hopes to continue to have productive conversations on how we can honour our platform and CASA commitments to implement a climate action plan and to build a vibrant, thriving 21st Century economy.

The BC Greens and the BC NDP committed to meeting our legislated 2050 commitment of 80% reduction of GHGs. Given that we are presently emitting about 64 megatons per year then this means we must reduce to 12.8 Megatons per year by 2050. But a single major LNG facility would produce about 10 megatons per year and you don't build such a facility today to tear it down tomorrow. This means that emissions from all sectors other than the single LNG facility would have to be 2.8 Megatons per year by 2050 – a 96% reduction from present day numbers. This translates to shutting down all major emitters, no longer using natural gas for heating, closing all landfills, and 100% electrification of all transportation. That is not possible.

Thanks,

Jillian

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 5:53 PM  
**To:** Leyne, Les (Times-Colonist)  
**Subject:** Re: Horgan Weaver call?

It's at around 7. It's a personal call between the two of them so we won't be putting out a statement.

Cheers,

Jen Holmwood  
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On Jan 23, 2018, at 5:50 PM, Leyne, Les (Times-Colonist) <[LLeyne@timescolonist.com](mailto:LLeyne@timescolonist.com)> wrote:

Hi Jen.

Do you know what time the Horgan Weaver call is skedded for tonite?  
I'm working late tonite. If you have a statement after the call, pls flip it to me when you can.

Thanks

**Les Leyne**  
Victoria Times Colonist  
Legislature Bureau  
Twitter: LeyneLes

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018 9:39 AM  
**To:** claudia.goodine@cbc.ca  
**Subject:** Fwd: CBC Radio The Early Edition interview request for Premier John Horgan

Hi Claudia,

We checked in with the team in Asia last night and unfortunately the Premier's schedule just won't allow it.

Minister Heyman has been speaking a bit about LNG and the climate action team priorities in this respect, so I'd suggest reaching out to the Ministry of Environment to see if he is available.

Thanks,

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Rochon, Jake PREM:EX" <[Jake.Rochon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jake.Rochon@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** January 23, 2018 at 2:33:48 PM PST  
**To:** "Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX" <[Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: CBC Radio The Early Edition interview request for Premier John Horgan

**From:** Claudia Goodine [<mailto:claudia.goodine@cbc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 2:27 PM  
**To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Subject:** CBC Radio The Early Edition interview request for Premier John Horgan

Hi Sage,

Could Premier John Horgan be available for a 6 to 8 minute live radio interview this week on The Early Edition hosted by Stephen Quinn?

I recognise the Premier is travelling through Asia so this may be challenging, but it would be great for our listeners to be able to hear from him this week if he can spare 10 minutes, especially given what they heard from BC Green Party leader Andrew Weaver this morning on our show. He told us that the government will fall in a vote of non-confidence if it continues to pursue LNG. We are the number one morning show in the Lower Mainland and our listeners would be keen to hear a response from the premier on this issue. You can hear Andrew Weaver's interview from this morning [here](#) (at the 2:19:20 mark).

We'd be willing to work with the Premier to find a time on our show that fits his schedule for an interview this week on our show. Having said that, we would prefer a live interview if possible. Here are some suggested times:

Thursday, Jan 25 at 7:10 a.m. Pacific Time  
Thursday, Jan 25 at 8:10 a.m. Pacific Time

Friday, Jan 26 at 7:10 a.m. Pacific Time  
Friday, Jan 26 at 8:10 a.m. Pacific Time

Call in time (2 to 3 minutes early than times above)  
Call in number: 604-662-7157  
Back up number: 604-669-3733

Our priority is to hear from the premier, but if it's not possible to schedule an interview with him, we'd be potentially interested in hearing from Minister Michelle Mungall instead.

My deadline is 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time on Wednesday, Jan 24th.

Thank you for your help,

Claudia

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 11:16 AM  
**To:** Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: BC Hydro Final Argument - Premier Rate Freeze comments

This is what I plan to provide:

The government's position has not changed. We directed BC Hydro to apply for a 0% increase for 2018 and that is still what we are seeking. I understand that BC Hydro has filed confirmation of this with the commission. At the same time we are looking at targeted programs in the future to help lower income British Columbians who need additional assistance with their hydro bills.

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**From:** Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 11:14 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: BC Hydro Final Argument - Premier Rate Freeze comments

This is the response that BCH filed with the BCUC in response to the reopening of rate application hearing.

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**From:** James, Fred [<mailto:Fred.James@bchydro.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 8:47 AM  
**To:** MacLaren, Les EMPR:EX; Fraser, Janet  
**Subject:** BC Hydro Final Argument - Premier Rate Freeze comments

Hi Les. Attached is our draft Final Argument regarding the Premier's comments of January 16<sup>th</sup>. These are to be filed tomorrow, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please review and provide any comments you may have.

Fred

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 11:52 AM  
**To:** Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** globe and mail

Hey Melissa,

I was just cc'd on this email to your comms shop from the Globe and Mail. Happy to provide the statement I have to them, but wanted to check to see if your comms shop is in the process of responding.

Jen

Hi there,

It's Ian Bailey from the BC Bureau of The Globe and Mail.

For a story in tomorrow's Globe and Mail, I was wondering if the government remains committed to the hydro rate freeze that the NDP previously advanced on the campaign and has advanced in government? This is a question for both the energy ministry and the premiers' office, ergo my sending this to the individuals above.

If yes, can you explain that position in light of the premier questioning the idea in recent remarks? If not, what direction is the government now proposing to take?

How does a shift in this commitment square with the affordability agenda of the government?

Also, does the energy ministry have any comment on the British Columbia Utilities Commission reported decision to delay its decision on a freeze?

My deadline is 2:30 pm.

Regards

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 11:55 AM  
**To:** Sajan, Bhinder  
**Cc:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: CTV request

Hey Bhinder,  
Sage asked me to follow up with you on this as I was talking to Andrew Macleod about it a couple of days ago and it's my understanding that BC Hydro has now provided comment.

You can use the statement below from me as spokesperson, as needed:

"The government's position has not changed. We directed BC Hydro to apply for a 0% increase for 2018 and that is still what we are seeking. I understand that BC Hydro has filed confirmation of this with the commission. At the same time we are looking at targeted programs in the future to help lower income British Columbians who need additional assistance with their hydro bills."

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 11:03 AM  
**To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** CTV request

Hi Sage

Seems like the BCUC is asking Hydro to comment on the Premier's comments on rate freezes – and that will delay the proceedings. Just wondering what the premier's reaction is to that? Was it his intention for his comments to become part of this discussion? For today, please, and for attribution.

Thanks  
Bhinder

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Bhinder Sajan | Reporter, Victoria Bureau/BC Legislature  
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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 12:22 PM  
**To:** Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: BC Hydro rate freeze

Yes, will do.

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**From:** Haslam, David GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 12:22 PM  
**To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: BC Hydro rate freeze  
**Importance:** High

Sage/Jen – I assume you are replying with same response to CTV?

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**From:** Bailey, Ian [<mailto:IBailey@globeandmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 11:38 AM  
**To:** Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
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Ian Bailey



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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 12:25 PM  
**To:** Bailey, Ian  
**Cc:** Haslam, David GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: BC Hydro rate freeze

Hi Ian,  
You can use the statement below from me as spokesperson, as needed:

"The government's position has not changed. We directed BC Hydro to apply for a 0% increase for 2018 and that is still what we are seeking. I understand that BC Hydro has filed confirmation of this with the commission. At the same time we are looking at targeted programs in the future to help lower income British Columbians who need additional assistance with their hydro bills."

Cheers,

**Jen Holmwood, Deputy Communications Director**  
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**From:** Bailey, Ian [mailto:IBailey@globeandmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 11:38 AM  
**To:** Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** BC Hydro rate freeze  
**Importance:** High

Hi there,  
It's Ian Bailey from the BC Bureau of The Globe and Mail.  
For a story in tomorrow's Globe and Mail, I was wondering if the government remains committed to the hydro rate freeze that the NDP previously advanced on the campaign and has advanced in government? This is a question for both the energy ministry and the premiers' office, ergo my sending this to the individuals above.  
If yes, can you explain that position in light of the premier questioning the idea in recent remarks? If not, what direction is the government now proposing to take?  
How does a shift in this commitment square with the affordability agenda of the government?  
Also, does the energy ministry have any comment on the British Columbia Utilities Commission reported decision to delay its decision on a freeze?  
My deadline is 2:30 pm.  
Regards  
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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2018 2:15 PM  
**To:** Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX  
**Cc:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: MEDIA REQUEST: Justine on Aecon sale to Chinese company...

FYI She just told me she is going to ask the Premier since she did not get a response from the ministry. Would still appreciate having something from your office.

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On Jan 26, 2018, at 1:45 PM, Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX <[Melissa.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Melissa.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Jen and Sage,

Our comms shop has been working on this response for Justine and it has a deadline of 2pm.

Did you want to discuss, or have any suggestions? I took out a couple of lines because it is a little long but want to check in specifically on the final bullet.

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**From:** Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2018 12:45 PM  
**To:** Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX; McNish, James EMPR:EX  
**Cc:** Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX; MacLaren, Les EMPR:EX; Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX; 'Scott, Mora'; Perzoff, Lara GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** MEDIA REQUEST: Justine on Aecon sale to Chinese company...

**Reporter:** Justine Hunter, Globe and Mail

**Deadline:** 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 26

**Request:** Wondering if your minister is around this week? I'd like to ask her about this Chinese firm involved in Site C construction. For example:

- What is the status with the final award contract for the generation station and spillways?
- Also the feds are supposed to decide today if they will block the takeover – have they told BC the outcome?
- Does B.C. have any issues with this company?
- What are we saying to Ottawa about it?
- What assurances can the Minister give that we won't see labour issues?

**Recommendation:** Have provide information on background by email.

**Response:** Approved by Les. See attached BCH IN for more information.

- BC Hydro has selected the Aecon-Flatiron-Dragados-EBC (AFDE) Partnership as the preferred proponent to move to the next phase for generating station and spillways civil works contract.

- Generating station and spillways civil works is the second largest single contract that will be awarded for the construction of the Site C project and includes the delivery of civil works associated with the powerhouse, penstocks, spillways and power intakes.
- Aecon Group Inc., the parent company of Aecon Constructors, the managing partner of the generating station and spillways preferred proponent (at 30%), has entered into an agreement with CCC International Holding Limited (CCCI) under which CCCI will acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Aecon Group Inc.
  - CCCI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Communications Construction Company Limited (CCCC), one of the world's largest engineering and construction groups.
  - Finalization of this agreement is pending federal approval under the Investment Canada Act.
- BC Hydro has completed a rigorous due diligence process and is confident in AFDE Partnership's (including Aecon Constructors) ability to deliver on the generating station and spillways civil works contract.
- The contract is expected to be awarded in early 2018 and with the contractor mobilizing to site in spring 2018.
  - Work under this contract is expected to create approximately 4,500 person-years of employment over the five-year contract and significant opportunities for local, regional and Indigenous businesses.

*What is the status with the final award contract for the generation station and spillways?*

- A preferred proponent has been selected, and the contract is expected to be awarded in early 2018, with the contractor mobilizing to site in spring 2018.

*Also the feds are supposed to decide today if they will block the takeover – have they told BC the outcome?*

- We expect to learn about the decision when it is announced by the federal government.

*Does B.C. have any issues with this company?*

- BC Hydro has completed a rigorous due diligence process and is confident in AFDE Partnership's ability to deliver on the generating station and spillways civil works contract.
- ~~We are confident that Aecon Constructors will have the capacity and financial strength required to complete the generating station and spillways civil works contract.~~
- ~~The proposed contract between BC Hydro and the AFDE Partnership requires the contractor to comply with the BC Hydro Contractor Standards for Ethical Conduct, which prohibits the contractor from attempting to seek preferential treatment by offering gifts and other benefits and requires the contractor to conduct itself with fairness, integrity and honesty.~~

*What are we saying to Ottawa about it?*

- Finalization of this agreement is pending federal government approval under the Investment Canada Act.
- We are not aware of any B.C. comments to the federal government regarding this issue.

*What assurances can the Minister give that we won't see labour issues?*

- The AFDE Partnership has negotiated a Project Labour Agreement for the duration of the generating station and spillways civil works contract with:
  - the Construction & Specialized Workers' Union (Labourers) Local 1611.
  - the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 115.
  - the Construction Maintenance and Allied Workers Union (CMAW).
- As part of the Project Labour Agreement, the AFDE Partnership has committed to prioritize hiring locally and within B.C., and will provide opportunities for apprentices.
  - This includes a goal of up to 25% apprentices on the project.
  - There are also targets for Indigenous apprentices and employment.

**Background for the MO:**

The Tyee, 22-Jan-2018 06:04

## Notorious Chinese Firm Wins Role in Site C Construction

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 8:24 AM  
**To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: BNN TV INTERVIEW REQUEST

**Importance:** High

For consideration.

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**From:** Whalen, Amanda [mailto:Amanda.Whalen@bellmedia.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 5:50 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Subject:** BNN TV INTERVIEW REQUEST  
**Importance:** High

Hello Jen

Amanda here with BNN

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 9:46 AM  
**To:** Whalen, Amanda  
**Subject:** RE: BNN TV INTERVIEW REQUEST

Hi Amanda,  
Looking at seeing if this could work. Would he have to be in Vancouver or is he able to do this from Victoria?

Cheers,  
Jen

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**From:** Whalen, Amanda [mailto:Amanda.Whalen@bellmedia.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 5:50 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Subject:** BNN TV INTERVIEW REQUEST  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 11:24 AM  
**To:** Whalen, Amanda  
**Subject:** RE: BNN CHECKING IN

Tomorrow won't work for the Premier. The energy minister may be available for this tomorrow.

I'm still trying to figure out if later in the week can work for the Premier.

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**From:** Whalen, Amanda [mailto:Amanda.Whalen@bellmedia.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 11:13 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Subject:** BNN CHECKING IN

Hey Jen

This story will most likely be our top line tomorrow. Do you think we can try to get British Columbia Premier John Horgan in front of a camera in Victoria for 11:20 am/.e.t (8:20 PST) tomorrow?

Amanda

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/industry-news/energy-and-resources/bc-moves-to-block-kinder-morgans-trans-mountain-pipeline-expansion/article37786796/>

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX [mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2018 6:02 PM  
**To:** Whalen, Amanda  
**Subject:** RE: BNN TV INTERVIEW REQUEST

Hi Amanda,

His schedule this week is packed before he leaves for Asia. He is doing a media availability tomorrow at 10am, I've copied the details below, if you'd like to call in.

Let's see if we can set up an interview when he returns from Asia.

Cheers,  
Jen

For Immediate Release

Jan. 15, 2018

Office of the Premier

MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan will be available to media tomorrow.

Event Date: Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018

Time: 10 a.m.

Location:

Outside Room 251  
2nd floor, west side  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria

Dial-in information:

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Passcode: 87152

Contact:

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250 818-4881

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**From:** Whalen, Amanda [<mailto:Amanda.Whalen@bellmedia.ca>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2018 8:03 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Subject:** BNN TV INTERVIEW REQUEST  
**Importance:** High

Hello Jen

Amanda here with BNN, just wondering if you can check to see what Premier John Horgan's schedule looks like this week for a possible TV interview. I would prefer to have this within the 11-12 et./o'clock hour for Commodities but I can be open with my request.

This would be live and about 6-7 minutes in length, we would like to highlight his upcoming tour to Japan, LNG efforts and emissions targets.

Look forward to hearing back  
Amanda

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:25 AM  
**To:** Paul Bisson  
**Cc:** McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Re: CBC CHAT WITH THE PREMIER or Minister today?

Hi Paul,  
Minister Heyman is the lead on this today. I'm sure his communications team would be happy to chat.

Cheers,

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On Jan 31, 2018, at 11:05 AM, Paul Bisson <[paul.bisson@cbc.ca](mailto:paul.bisson@cbc.ca)> wrote:

Good morning,

Checking to see if the Premier or a Minister might be available for a conversation on our network program today regarding Premier Notley's comments about the province.

Thanks,  
Paul