



The Edge

Community Newsletter

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322a Monashee Ave

Smartmeters

BC Hydro Smart Metering Program

Received June 26th, 2013

Ms. Jean Bassett

Edgewood Community Internet Society

Subject: BC Hydro and Edgewood Community Internet Society

Dear Ms. Jean Bassett,

As you know, BC Hydro has been installing new wireless meters throughout the province since the summer of 2011. Since that time we have been collaborating with other users of the 900MHz unlicensed frequency band to identify any potential coexistence challenges with the new smart meters. Over 95% of the new meters are now installed throughout the province. In all areas where the new meters, and the supporting network infrastructure, has been installed wireless ISPs are coexisting with smart meters. The West Kootenay's is the only region where meter installations were delayed as a precaution in response to concerns raised by local ISP's. BC Hydro has engaged ISPs in the West Kootenay area and offered an engineering analysis service to understand the potential for coexistence issues and to provide technical recommendations. The recommendations are intended to provide ways to strengthen and enhance the ISP's existing network, over and above the manufacturer's recommendations, allowing you to provide better quality service to your customers. *

At this point, BC Hydro can no longer delay the installation of smart meters in the West Kootenay region. As a regulated utility, we have been mandated to install smart meters in our entire service territory by the end of this year. Smart meters will be installed in the West Kootenay region starting August 2013. While we do not expect any issues related to coexistence with broadband wireless equipment in your area, our offer to work with you to troubleshoot customer connections will still be available during and after the meter installation. As the Smart Metering Program will conclude in December 2013, our services will only be available until that time. Sincerely, Johnson Lee Stakeholder Engagement Advisor***segment omitted for full version you may read it at the Edge*"-

Outage on AP3 June 26th due to ants. It is only when you watch the dense mass of thousands of ants, crowded together around the Hill, blackening the ground, that you begin to see the whole beast, and now you observe it thinking, planning, calculating. It is an intelligence, a kind of live computer, with crawling bits for its wits. - **Lewis Thomas**

COLUMBIA BASIN COALITION

Concerned residents working to improve OUR options for the future... June 15, Fauquier, BC. In a show of hands at the end of Saturday's meeting to discuss 2024 options for the Columbia River, Basin residents overwhelmingly voted to terminate the Columbia River Treaty (CRT), signed in 1961 by US President Lyndon Johnson and ratified by Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson of Canada in 1964 at the Peace Arch. CRT Review Team's Executive Director Kathy Eichenberger called the question at the request of local resident, Jason Rogers. According to Eichenberger, two thirds of the room supported terminating the treaty and renegotiating a new deal for the Basin that includes stable water levels in Arrow Reservoir and more appropriate pricing for downstream water uses such as irrigation, fish, tourism and energy.

The residents were moved by comments that termination allows a broader range of options, including better water management and a more robust pricing of downstream benefits.

The meeting, the last in a series of public consultation meetings organized by Columbia River Treaty (CRT) Review Team to discuss options for 2024, was held in Fauquier.

For more information contact Ed McGinnis, Columbia Basin Coalition - Spokesperson, at sawyerred@yahoo.ca.

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Date: Wed, Jun 26, 2013 at 4:21 PM



Arrow Lakes Reservoir Flow Change Notification

I am writing to advise you of changes to the discharge rates from Arrow Lakes Reservoir. From Friday, June 28 to Monday, July 1, the discharge rate will increase from approximately 28,000 cubic feet per second to 60,000 cubic feet per second. When combined with the outflows from the Kootenay River, Columbia River levels at Birchbank are expected to rise by 0.8 to 1.2 metres (2.6 to 3.9 feet) from the current levels. Please make safety your top priority when planning activities near the Columbia River.

For up-to-date reservoir elevation and river flow information, please call BC Hydro's toll-free number at 1 877 924-2444. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 250-365-4565.

All the best, Mary Anne Coules

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