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Her Worship Jessa Lightfoot
Mayor of the Village of Lytton
PO Box 100, 380 Main Street
Lytton, BC V0K 1Z0

Dear Mayor Lightfoot:

Thank you for your letter received on November 3, 2014 regarding the safety and accuracy of BC Hydro's Smart Meters.

The radio technology used by BC Hydro's new meters is common in our everyday lives and has been used safely for decades. Within most neighbourhoods, common sources of continuous radio frequency include FM radio, television and cell phone signals.

British Columbia's Provincial Health Officer and Health Canada have confirmed that the new meters pose no known health risk or reason for concern. You can review a statement on smart meters, prepared at the request of Dr. Perry Kendall, Provincial Health Officer, at <http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pho/issues.html>.

Additionally, BC Hydro's meters have been independently tested. The results show the meters are active for 1.4 seconds per day and that their signal strength is less than 50 percent of the strictest standards in the world, which are the precautionary limits set by Switzerland for schools and hospitals. You can read more about these tests on BC Hydro's website at www.bchydro.com/smartmeter_safety.

If a BC Hydro customer has concerns that the high use is due to a meter not measuring their electricity use correctly, and if they cannot resolve those concerns with BC Hydro, they may wish to contact Measurement Canada. Measurement Canada is a federal consumer protection agency that approves meters for use, verifies the accuracy of meters, and enforces standards of accuracy. Information about meters and Measurement Canada can be found at <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/mc-mc.nsf/eng/lm03961.html>.

Thank you, again, for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Bennett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bill Bennett
Minister