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Dear Minister Abbott and Executive Director Hesketh:

Re: Coal-fired thermal electric power plants in British Columbia

Compliance Energy Corporation is proposing to construct and operate a coal-fired thermal electric power plant near Princeton, British Columbia. It is my opinion that the project should be deemed a reviewable project under the Environmental Assessment Act, and that no other permits for the project should be approved in advance of project approval following an environmental assessment.

There are a number of reasons for this appeal to you:

- Combustion of coal emits large quantities of toxic substances;
- Coal-fired generation is known to have significant adverse environmental, economic, social, and health effects;
- For these reasons, coal-fired generation is controversial and of public interest wherever new plants are proposed;
- Coal-fired generation will be of even greater interest and controversy in British Columbia because the province has no such facilities – this could be the first;
- The people of British Columbia demand and deserve to understand the issues involved with coal-fired generation, irrespective of the size of the project

The only way proper disclosure and a full examination of the implications of coal-fired generation can happen is with a full public assessment of the project under the Environmental Assessment Act.

The Compliance Energy Project is rated at 49 megawatts (MW) which puts it under the reviewable projects threshold of 50 MW. There are persuasive reasons why the Minister should nevertheless determine that this project, or any other that may be British Columbia's first coal-fired generation project, is a reviewable project.

I refer to the letter sent to you on January 15, 2005 by Dogwood Initiative and the Sierra Club of BC, which contains information and arguments which fairly represent my opinion on this matter.

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