

**Subject: Notice of Motion Report Councillor Crist re deregulation in BC's Energy Sector.**

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Notice of Motion

Report Councillor Crist:

That the Council of the District of North Vancouver endorse the resolution of the City of Burnaby regarding Deregulation in B.C's Energy Sector as expressed in the 3 points outlined below


- 1) That Council write North Vancouver MLAs, the Premier and Cabinet to express its concerns over the prospect of a deregulated energy sector in BC and to oppose any privatization of BC Hydro, as well as to request that a public consultation process be undertaken in respect of this matter
- 2) That Council reiterate its support for the UBCM resolution which calls for the halt to the joint venture agreement between BC Hydro and Accenture Inc, which would see at least one third of BC Hydro's current employees transferred to the Bermuda-based company , until public consultation occurs.
- 3) That Council forward a copy of this resolution to all MLAs in the Province, the Premier and Cabinet, the UBCM, all UBCM member municipalities and Regional Districts, the BC Utilities Commission and to Mr. Jim Abram, c/o the Citizens for Public Power.

Rationale

Recent Press Reports and correspondence were received by Council from a group known as the Citizens for Public Power, which is concerned over the prospect that BC Hydro will be dismantled and, over time, privatized. The correspondence and its associated attachments made numerous references to the likely consequences of a deregulated energy program in BC, as well as the pitfalls related to the break-up of BC Hydro and privatization of a portion of the Crown Corporation in favor of Accenture Inc., a Bermuda - based consulting firm formerly known as Arthur Andersen Consulting.

Notwithstanding any benefit accruing to a municipality and or the Province in engaging in a joint Public Private Partnership, Energy is one area which should not be disposed of and turned over to a private company. This rationale is based on the assumption that ENERGY is of such importance to the daily life Citizens and the implication of being in hands of a monopoly so extensive that notwithstanding any guarantees or controls such a step should be avoided.

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