



Central Cariboo Economic Development Corporation
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Friday, July 15, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Support for Atlantic Power Williams Lake Power Plant Renewal Project

The Central Cariboo Economic Development Corporation which provides economic development services to the City of Williams Lake supports Atlantic Power Williams Lake's application to secure a 10 year renewal of its EPA (energy purchase agreement) with BC Hydro, including the burning of railway ties once this is approved by the Ministry of Environment. Atlantic Power Corporation has operated the power plant with the highest caliber of performance and in compliance with all regulations and requirements.

The 66 megawatt biomass-fueled electricity generation station, the power plant, built in 1993 reduced particulate emissions by 90% while producing enough electricity to power 52,000 homes. The power plant is the largest tax payer in the City at \$1.3 million dollars, employs 32 full-time staff, and is a generous supporter of community initiatives.

The power plant represents an ongoing commitment and investment in green energy, clean air and environmental improvements. Both the government of BC and the Atlantic Power Corporation diligently monitor and analyze emissions and operations, resulting in a facility that has an impeccable record and bright future.

We urge you to support the renewal of Atlantic Power Williams Lake contract on a ten year basis, ensuring that we continue to benefit from this facility.

Sincerely,

Larry Stranberg, Chair