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Comments

I am a resident of Penticton and have experienced a heat dome and smoke from wild fires as well as floods and drought. Just in 2021!

We know that climate change is upon us and that it is critical to reduce fossil fuel emissions urgently. The IPCC has made it abundantly clear that humans must change our ways of getting energy and heating our homes.

The Fortis Okanagan Capacity Upgrade Project pipeline extension will only encourage homeowners to stay on gas, increasing emissions. And new building owners will possibly choose natural gas over electric heat pumps for heating, cooling and hot water, especially with the lure of 'clean' RNG.

This Fortis plan does not fit with the RDOS and Penticton City plans to reduce emissions, and it will not help the province to meet its GHG reduction targets.

The BC government's plans, CleanBC and Roadmap 2030, are clear that reductions must reach certain levels. But keeping citizens using gas and creating more infrastructure and home hookups is not the path to a clean future.

This expansion project will cost over \$270 million, funds that could be better spent developing more electrification systems and helping residents and businesses to transition off fossil fuels and into a cleaner future. Damaging sensitive wildlife areas is also a huge concern for us in the Okanagan. Our biodiversity is unique in Canada and we must preserve species and water sources as well as repair areas that have been already damaged. Crossing many streams as this plan proposes puts many streams at risk. Thank you for not approving this project.