

# BILL MCINERNEY

Greetings.

It seems to me that affordable electricity is not a valid reason for the silicon smelter to be built near Newport. British Columbia has some of the cheapest electricity rates in North America. There is a reason why they cannot, or don't want to build the facility in B.C. The silica sand is located in B.C. How can it be affordable to transport the sand to Newport from B.C.? Each truck load would cost thousands of dollars for transportation costs(not considering environmental impacts for just the transportation of the silica sand). I'm sure it is because of environmental concerns in B.C. Please don't allow PacWest to move forward with this project.

Thank you,

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