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Comments And the headlines read
"Stars are lining up" for Muskrat Falls, PUB told

Stars I have to pay for don't much interest me.

My monthly electrical bills do.

It is my belief that:

Government has used the production of electricity to tax users of electrical power to prop up the general revenues of our province through:

- 1) declaration of dividends to the Province;
- 2) add on charges for loan guarantees for an infrastructure which should have been paid off decades ago;

Government has used the production of electricity to tax users of electrical power to cover up:

- 1) questionable expenses such as premiers (Tobin) flitting around on private jets;
- 2) electoral political consultants / advertising debts through non tendered professional services contracts absorbed by HYDRO or NALCOR;
- 3) political expenses associated with grandiose election platforms e.g. (Moores) blowing up whatever for a pretend tunnel under the straights of Bell Isle;
- 4) advertising campaigns (Grimes) on roll out announcement(s) on the never ending Lower Churchill Development Plan;
- 5) costly politically motivated privatization studies (Wells) when HYDRO workers could have been given severance pay and sent home with request that the last one out of the building turn off the lights;

Government has used the production of electricity to tax users of electrical power to avoid seeking the approval of the House of Assembly for:

- 1) funding job creation at HYDRO / NALCOR or whatever flavor it is called this month;
- 2) subsidizing diesel generation of electricity in rural areas where wood and/or oil heating would be infinitely cheaper;
- 3) subsidizing industries e.g. ERCO Phosphorus Plant, Long Harbour;
- 4) placating native (?) funding demands;
- 5) creating make work employment to access EI; and,
- 6) the appointment of political hacks to "Consumer Advocate(s)". Jackpot 649 is just a joke

The public needs to know what % of their electrical bill goes to cover the actual cost of electrical production each month;

The public needs to know how much the development of the Lower Churchill will add to their electrical bill each month.

The public needs to know the most cost effective way of heating their homes.

Billion dollar projects? A lot of us can't get our heads around million dollar projects. What we can get our heads around is how much of our \$400 monthly electrical bill is for actual electrical production and distribution and what portion has been tacked on to bury expenses which, if legitimate, should come out of funding voted on by our House of Assembly.

If our elected MHAs want to charge electrical users a 500% tax to support whatever spending plans Government has, then that is clearly their right.

It is just as clearly our right to know that this is being done. These are the simple questions that beg asking.

What are the hidden costs to people who pay the electrical bills.

What will be the additional cost to us if the Lower Churchill Development Plan goes ahead this time?



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