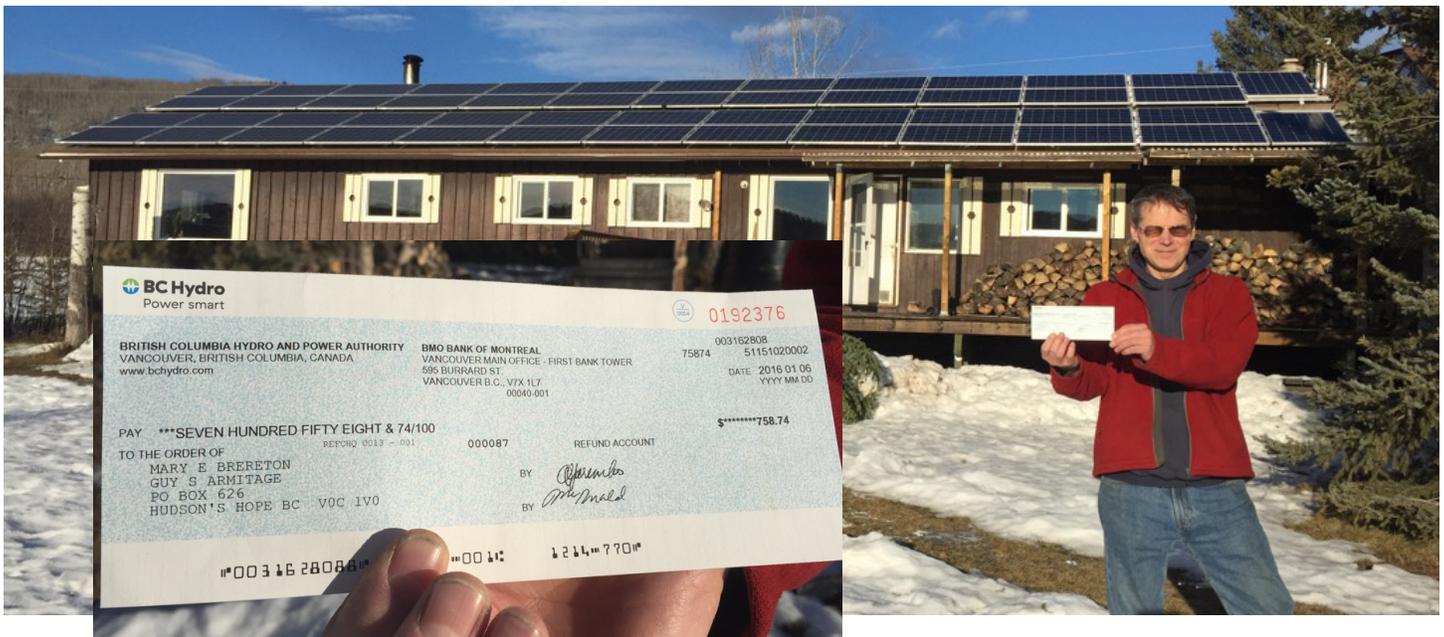


# Got His Cheque!



*Guy Armitage of Hudson's Hope, BC displays his cheque for \$758.74 he just received from BC Hydro for a surplus of solar electricity he produced after one*

*complete year of operation. His 12 kilowatt rooftop solar system was designed and installed by Peace Energy Renewable Energy Cooperative.*

**Y**es, the cheque has arrived. The cheque from BC Hydro, that is, for solar power Guy Armitage of Hudson's Hope fed into the grid last year. Yea!

Guy has joined the ranks of a small but growing number of solar energy producers in BC who are "grid-tied" and who are reducing or eliminating their electrical bills by feeding solar power into the grid.

"In most areas of the world and even in much of Canada," explains Guy, "receiving a cheque for producing power from renewable energy would not be a cause to celebrate. It would be commonplace. In BC it is rare.

"Fortunately, BC Hydro's Net Metering program exists, allowing private energy producers like me to feed the grid. The program is administered by a single dedicated person in the BC Hydro office, and although it is an important program, it falls far short of it's potential, paying a mere 10 cents per kilowatt hour, far below industry standards.

"I am grateful for BC Hydro's net metering program," continues Guy, "and especially for the helpful and enthusiastic gal who operates it. My sincere thanks is also directed toward the dedicated

folks who made my solar power system possible, the folks at Peace Energy Co-op in Dawson Creek.

"Peace Energy is a pioneer in renewable energy in BC, and designed and installed my 12 kilowatt rooftop system. Since I flipped the switch in September 2014 it has performed flawlessly, with no maintenance, as I have watched my electrical bills fall and then essentially disappear. Now I am producing more electricity than I use, and getting paid for it, thanks to BC Hydro's net metering program and Peace Energy Co-op.

"For the handful of BC'ers like me who have joined the millions of roof-top solar energy producers around the world, we celebrate our small windfall, but envision a province with not just hundreds but thousands or millions of these systems flooding the grid with clean solar energy.

"Meanwhile we wait and watch for our government to wake up and join the rest of the world," says Guy, "by investing in clean, renewable, reliable and sustainable energy industries like roof-top solar."

Congratulations, Guy Armitage of Hudson's Hope, BC!

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