

How to benchmark your building

Instructions for Using ENERGY STAR®
Portfolio Manager® and
BC Hydro's Web Services

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Overview

This document is a detailed guide for entering your property into Portfolio Manager® and enrolling in BC Hydro's Web Services. For additional help, we suggest you refer to:

- Natural Resources Canada benchmarking webpage nrcan.gc.ca/energy/efficiency/buildings/energy-benchmarking/3691 or email your question to info.services@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca
- US Environmental Protection Agency Energy Star Portfolio Manager webpage energystar.gov/buildings/facility-owners-and-managers/existing-buildings/use-portfolio-manager and online helpdesk at <https://portfoliomanager.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>
- For technical questions related to BC Hydro Web Services email your Portfolio Manager property ID and Meter ID and your BC Hydro Account number, last bill date and bill amount and description of your issue to PMWebservices@bchydro.com

ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager®, an online service created by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), allows you to track the energy consumption of your facilities and compare them to similar buildings nationwide. Web Services makes it easier to use this tool by uploading meter data automatically to your Portfolio Manager account.

This guide will walk you through the process of benchmarking your building:

- how to register for a Portfolio Manager account,
- create a profile for your property, and
- enroll in BC Hydro's Web Services.

The troubleshooting section can help you identify and correct problems you may encounter with BC Hydro's Web Services. You will also find detailed answers for many frequently asked questions at the end of the document.

Before getting started, you may want to collect information about your building using the Data Collection Worksheet available on EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager Benchmarking Web site energystar.gov/buildings/facility-owners-and-managers/existing-buildings/use-portfolio-manager

Section 1—How to register a Portfolio Manager Account

- 1.1** Go to the ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager® Login page (energystar.gov/portfoliomanager) and click Sign Up. If you already have a User Name and Password, enter it below.

The screenshot shows the Energy Star Portfolio Manager website. The top navigation bar includes 'ABOUT ENERGY STAR' and 'PARTNER RESOURCES'. The main header features the Energy Star logo and navigation links for 'ENERGY EFFICIENT products', 'ENERGY SAVINGS at home', 'ENERGY EFFICIENT new homes', and 'ENERGY STRATEGIES FOR buildings & plants'. A breadcrumb trail indicates the current location: 'Home > Buildings & Plants > Owners and managers > Existing buildings > Use Portfolio Manager'. A secondary navigation bar includes 'Owners and managers', 'Service providers', 'Program administrators', 'Tools and Resources', and 'Training'. Below this, a category menu highlights 'Existing buildings'. The main content area is divided into a sidebar and a main column. The sidebar lists 'IN THIS SECTION' with links to 'Learn the benefits', 'Get started', 'Use Portfolio Manager', 'Save energy', 'Find financing', 'Earn recognition', 'Communicate your success', and 'Resources for your property type'. The main column features a 'Use Portfolio Manager' section with a 'SIGN UP' button highlighted in a red box. Below this is a 'Current Portfolio Manager Users' section with a login form.

1.2 Fill out the required information (fields marked with a red asterisk) and click Create My Account, which appears at the bottom of the screen, after the security questions used to recover your account.

The screenshot shows the 'Create an Account' form on the Energy Star Portfolio Manager website. The form is divided into two main sections: 'Create Your Account' and 'About Yourself'. The 'Create Your Account' section includes fields for Username, Password, and Confirm Password. The 'About Yourself' section includes fields for First Name, Last Name, Job Title, Email, and Confirm Email. A 'Getting Started' section provides instructions on how to create an account and what to expect. A 'Accounts for Organizations' section provides instructions on how to create an account for an organization.

Phone:

Country:

Language:

Reporting Units: Conventional EPA Units (e.g., kBtu/ft²)
 Metric Units (e.g., GJ/m²)

Street Address:

City/Municipality:

State/Province:

Postal Code:

About Your Organization

Organization Name:

Primary Business or Service of Your Organization:

Is your organization an ENERGY STAR Partner? Yes
 No

Will you be using the web services API to develop software to exchange data with Portfolio Manager? Yes
 No

Searchability in Portfolio Manager

Can other people search for you and send you a connection request? Yes
 No

Recovering Access to Your Account

In the event that you forget your username or password, Portfolio Manager will ask for answers to your security questions to protect access to your account.

Security Question 1:
Your Answer:

Security Question 2:
Your Answer:

Primary Business or Service

If you have more than one "primary business," just pick the best option. Portfolio Manager will determine your category for a score based on the information, like square footage, that you enter for each of your property uses.

Web Services

EPA offers free web services designed to exchange property and meter data with Portfolio Manager. Using XML-based web services provided by the EPA, third-party energy service companies can securely provide energy and building data from their systems to Portfolio Manager in exchange for receiving the EPA's energy performance score and other related energy and

Connecting with Others in Portfolio Manager

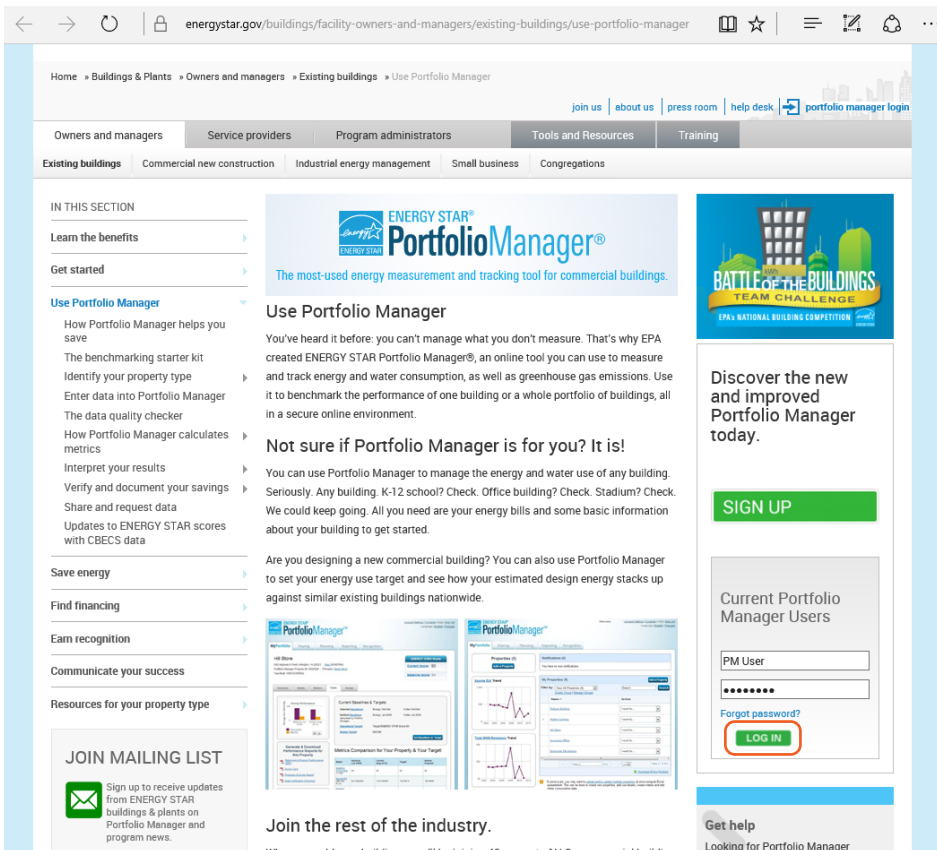
You can connect with other people in Portfolio Manager to easily share information. Your account must be searchable in order for others to send you a connection request.

Security Questions

Portfolio Manager will randomly select one of your security questions to verify your identity in specific situations, for example, if you forget your password.

Note: Portfolio Manager's default is to enable others to search for your account to facilitate connecting. Keep the setting as defaulted, the searchability in Portfolio Manager is required to enroll in BC Hydro's web service.

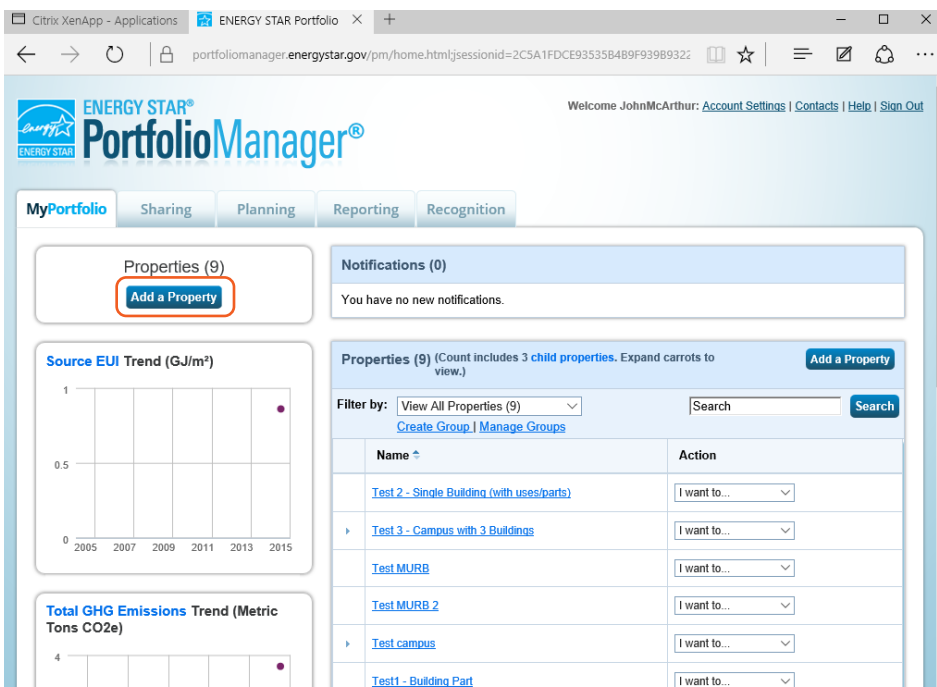
- 1.3 On the Portfolio Manager log in page (energystar.gov/portfoliomanager), enter your User Name and Password and click Log In. You will be brought to the My Portfolio tab. The My Portfolio tab displays a summary of the properties in your portfolio.



Section 2—How to create a property profile

To benchmark your facility in Portfolio Manager, you will need to create a profile that has basic information about the property, how it is used, and the energy meters serving it.

- 2.1 Add a property by clicking Add a Property on the My Portfolio tab. You can also upload multiple properties by clicking the hyperlink at the bottom of the screen.



Enter your property's primary function, number of buildings, and construction status. Then click Get Started!

Tip

If more than one person in your organization could be creating properties it is better to have one person “own” them and have that person share them with others who are working with the specific properties. See Issue# 3 in Section 5 Troubleshooting for more information.

2.3 Enter the property's name, address, and other general information and click Continue.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `portfoliomanager.energystar.gov/pm/propertySetup?execution=e1s1`. The page header includes the Energy Star logo and the text "PortfolioManager®". A welcome message for "JohnMcArthur" is visible, along with links for "Account Settings", "Contacts", "Help", and "Sign Out".

The main content area is titled "Set up a Property: Let's Get Started!". It contains three sections:

- Your Property Type:** A dropdown menu is set to "Office". A tip icon indicates that users need information like gross floor area and operating hours.
- Your Property's Buildings:** Radio buttons are selected for "One: My property is a single building". A tip icon explains that users should select the majority activity of their building.
- Your Property's Construction Status:** Radio buttons are selected for "Existing: My property is built, occupied and/or being used...". A "Test Properties" tip icon explains that users can use "Test" properties for training.

At the bottom, there is a blue "Get Started!" button and a "Cancel" link.

Tip

Make sure the city name is accurate and spelled correctly—mistakes may cause an error in connecting with BC Hydro's Web Services.

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Set Up a Property: Basic Property Information

Tell us a little bit more about your property, including a name that you will use to look up your property and its address.

About Your Property

Name:

Country:

Street Address:

City/Municipality:

State/Province:

Postal Code:

Year Built:

Gross Floor Area: Temporary Value

Gross Floor Area (GFA) is the total property floor area, measured from the principal exterior surfaces of the building(s). Do not including parking. [Details on what to include.](#)

Occupancy: %

Do any of these apply?

My property's energy consumption includes parking areas

My property has a Data Center that requires a constant power load of 75 kW or more

My property has one or more retail stores

My property has one or more restaurants/cafeterias

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2.4 Enter the specific information on how your building is used. The fields required will depend on the selection made in Section 2.2 for the building's Primary Function.

For example, if you indicated your building's Primary Function is Office, you would be asked to supply:

- Gross Floor Area
- Weekly Operating Hours
- Number of Computers
- Number of Workers on Main Shift
- Percent that can be Heated
- Percent that can be Cooled

If you indicated that your building had a Data Center or Parking, additional fields pertaining to these uses would also be required. Some space attributes, like "Gross Floor Area," are always required. Others may give you the option to "Use Default Value" (which inserts the national average for that attribute) or "Temporary Value" (which is your estimated value for that attribute) until you can collect and enter actual data for your facility.

You can also rename the primary property use by clicking Edit Name next to Office Use, at the top of the next page in this example.

Tip

To get detailed descriptions of each space and its space attributes, click the Help link at the top right corner of the screen, select Search the Knowledge Base, then Property Types on the left-hand side menu. This will give you the definitions of each space type and attribute, default values, and answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

Adding another type of use

Portfolio Manager uses the term “Type of Use” to characterize the various spaces within a building. Your building may have one or more property use types. For example, an office building might have occupied office space, a computer data center, and parking. Each of these should be entered as a separate “Type of Use” and will require different information. If more than 10% of a building’s gross floor area is vacant, the vacant square footage should be described as a distinct space type. Links to more information on how these space types are defined can be found in the Portfolio Manager Online Help section.

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Set up a Property: How is it used?

Based on what you've told us so far, Portfolio Manager has set up your property. Fill in the tables below to provide more detailed information on how your property is used.

Basic Information

Name: Test Building **Country:** CA

Property Type: Office **Address:** 1234 Anystreet, Anytown, BC V1A 1A1 [Map It](#)

Year Built: 2000

Property consists of: 1 building [Edit](#)

[Add Another Type of Use](#) [Add](#)

Building Use [Edit Name](#)

Office refers to buildings used for the conduct of commercial or governmental business activities. This includes administrative and professional offices.

Gross Floor Area (GFA) should include all space within the building(s) including offices, conference rooms and auditoriums, break rooms, kitchens, lobbies, fitness areas, basements, storage areas, stairways, and elevator shafts.

If you have restaurants, retail, or services (dry cleaners) within the Office, you should most likely include this square footage and energy in the Office Property Use. There are 4 exceptions to this rule when you should create a separate Property Use:

- If it is a [Property Use Type that can get an ENERGY STAR Score](#) (note: Retail can only get a score if it is greater than 5,000 square feet)
- If it accounts for more than 25% of the property's GFA
- If it is a vacant/unoccupied Office
- If the Hours of Operation differ by more than 10 hours from the main Property Use

[More on this rule.](#)

Property Use Detail	Value	Current As Of	Temporary Value
★ Gross Floor Area	50,000 Sq. Ft.	1/1/2000	<input type="checkbox"/>
★ Weekly Operating Hours	65 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use a default	1/1/2000	<input type="checkbox"/>
★ Number of Workers on Main Shift	115 <input type="checkbox"/> Use a default	1/1/2000	<input type="checkbox"/>
★ Number of Computers	<input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Use a default	1/1/2000	<input type="checkbox"/>
★ Percent That Can Be Heated	50 % or more <input type="checkbox"/> Use a default	1/1/2000	<input type="checkbox"/>
★ Percent That Can Be Cooled	50 % or more <input type="checkbox"/> Use a default	1/1/2000	<input type="checkbox"/>

★ This Use Detail is used to calculate the 1-100 ENERGY STAR Score.

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2.5 To add another space to your facility, click Add Another Type of Use and select the type of space you would like to add. Complete the required fields just as you did in Section 2.4.

Add Another Type of Use Add

Tenants 1 through 4 [Edit Name](#)

Office refers to buildings used for the conduct of commercial or governmental business activities. This includes administrative and professional offices.

Gross Floor Area should include all space within the building(s) including offices, conference rooms and auditoriums, kitchens used by staff, lobbies, fitness areas for staff, storage areas, stairways, and elevator shafts.

Property Use Detail	Value	Current As Of	Temporary Value
Gross Floor Area	540000 <input type="text"/> Sq. Ft. <input type="text"/>	01/01/2010 <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weekly Operating Hours	65 <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Use a default	01/01/2010 <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of Computers	905 <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Use a default	01/01/2010 <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.6 Continue with the procedure described in Section 2.5 until your building’s gross floor area is completely entered. Make sure the sum of all spaces is equal to the total gross floor area of the facility. To finalize your entries, click Add Property.

Parking Use [Edit Name](#) Delete

Parking refers to buildings and lots used for parking vehicles. This includes open parking lots, parking structures that may be only partially enclosed, and fully-enclosed (or underground) parking structures. Parking structures may be free standing or may be physically connected to another building.

Property Use Detail	Value	Current As Of	Temporary Value
Open Parking Lot Size	<input type="text"/> Sq. Ft. <input type="text"/>	01/01/2010 <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partially Enclosed Parking Garage Size	<input type="text"/> Sq. Ft. <input type="text"/>	01/01/2010 <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completely Enclosed Parking Garage Size	<input type="text"/> Sq. Ft. <input type="text"/>	01/01/2010 <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supplemental Heating	<input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Use a default	01/01/2010 <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Back
Add Property
Cancel

2.7 After saving your entries, you will see a green bar at the top of the Summary tab, confirming you have successfully created your property. The next section will provide the steps to set up your building’s energy meters.

The screenshot shows the Energy Star Portfolio Manager interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'MyPortfolio', 'Sharing', 'Planning', 'Reporting', and 'Recognition' tabs. A green notification bar states: 'Congratulations! You have successfully created your property. Next, you can: • Add energy use information, so that you can see your energy performance metrics.' Below this, the property details for 'Test Building' are shown: '1234 Anystreet, Anytown, BC V1A 1A1 | Map It', 'Portfolio Manager Property ID: 4845906', and 'Year Built: 2000'. There are buttons for 'Edit' and 'Not eligible to apply for ENERGY STAR Certification'. A 'Weather-Normalized Source EUI (GJ/m²)' box shows 'Current EUI: N/A' and 'Baseline EUI: N/A'. Below the property details are tabs for 'Summary', 'Details', 'Energy', 'Water', 'Goals', and 'Design'. The 'Summary' tab is active, showing a 'Notifications (0)' section with 'You have no new notifications.' and a 'Property Profile' section with 'You haven't created a profile for your property yet. Profiles are a way to supplement the information in Portfolio Manager with additional information about your property, including a photo.' and a '+ Create Profile' link. A 'Metrics Summary' table is also visible:

Metric	Baseline (Not Available)	Current (Not Available)	Change
ENERGY STAR score (1-100)	Not Available	Not Available	N/A
Source EUI (GJ/m²)	Not Available	Not Available	N/A
Site EUI (GJ/m²)	Not Available	Not Available	N/A
Energy Cost (\$)	Not Available	Not Available	N/A
Total GHG Emissions (Metric Tons CO2e)	Not Available	Not Available	N/A

At the bottom of the summary section, there is a 'Check for Possible Data Errors' button.

Setting up energy meters

You will need to add an Energy Meter to your property profile for each connected meter serving the building, unless you are using BC Hydro's aggregation service that provides a MURB or COM code. Learn more [here](#). For BC Hydro meters that you are signing up for in Web Services, add one meter for each BC Hydro Account Number. MURB and COM codes for aggregated data should be also be considered "meters" and entered.

- 2.8** To add a meter, you can either click the "add energy use information" link in the green bar, or click on the Energy tab. Either choice will take you to the Energy tab.

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MyPortfolio | Sharing | Planning | Reporting | Recognition

Congratulations! You have successfully created your property.
Next, you can:
• [Add energy use information](#), so that you can see your energy performance metrics.

Test Building
1234 Anystreet, Anytown, BC V1A 1A1 | [Map It](#)
Portfolio Manager Property ID: 4845906
Year Built: 2000
[Edit](#)

Not eligible to apply for ENERGY STAR Certification

Weather-Normalized Source EUI (GJ/m²)
Why not score?
Current EUI: [N/A](#)
Baseline EUI: [N/A](#)

Summary | Details | **Energy** | Water | Goals | Design

Notifications (0)
You have no new notifications.

Property Profile
You haven't created a profile for your property yet. Profiles are a way to supplement the information in Portfolio Manager with additional information about your property, including a photo.
[Create Profile](#)

Metric	Baseline (Not Available)	Current (Not Available)	Change
ENERGY STAR score (1-100)	Not Available	Not Available	N/A
Source EUI (GJ/m ²)	Not Available	Not Available	N/A
Site EUI (GJ/m ²)	Not Available	Not Available	N/A
Energy Cost (\$)	Not Available	Not Available	N/A
Total GHG Emissions (Metric Tons CO ₂ e)	Not Available	Not Available	N/A

Check for Possible Data Errors

2.9 Once you are on the Energy tab, click Add A Meter.

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MyPortfolio | Sharing | Planning | Reporting | Recognition

Congratulations! You have successfully created your property.
Next, you can:
• [Add energy use information](#), so that you can see your energy performance metrics.

Test Building
1234 Anystreet, Anytown, BC V1A 1A1 | [Map It](#)
Portfolio Manager Property ID: 4845906
Year Built: 2000
[Edit](#)

Not eligible to apply for ENERGY STAR Certification

Weather-Normalized Source EUI (GJ/m²)
Why not score?
Current EUI: [N/A](#)
Baseline EUI: [N/A](#)

Summary | Details | **Energy** | Water | Goals | Design

Meter Summary
0 Energy Meters Total
In order to receive metrics for your property, you must provide meters. You have not entered any meters yet.
[Add A Meter](#)
Current Energy Date
Not Available
[Enter Your Bills](#)

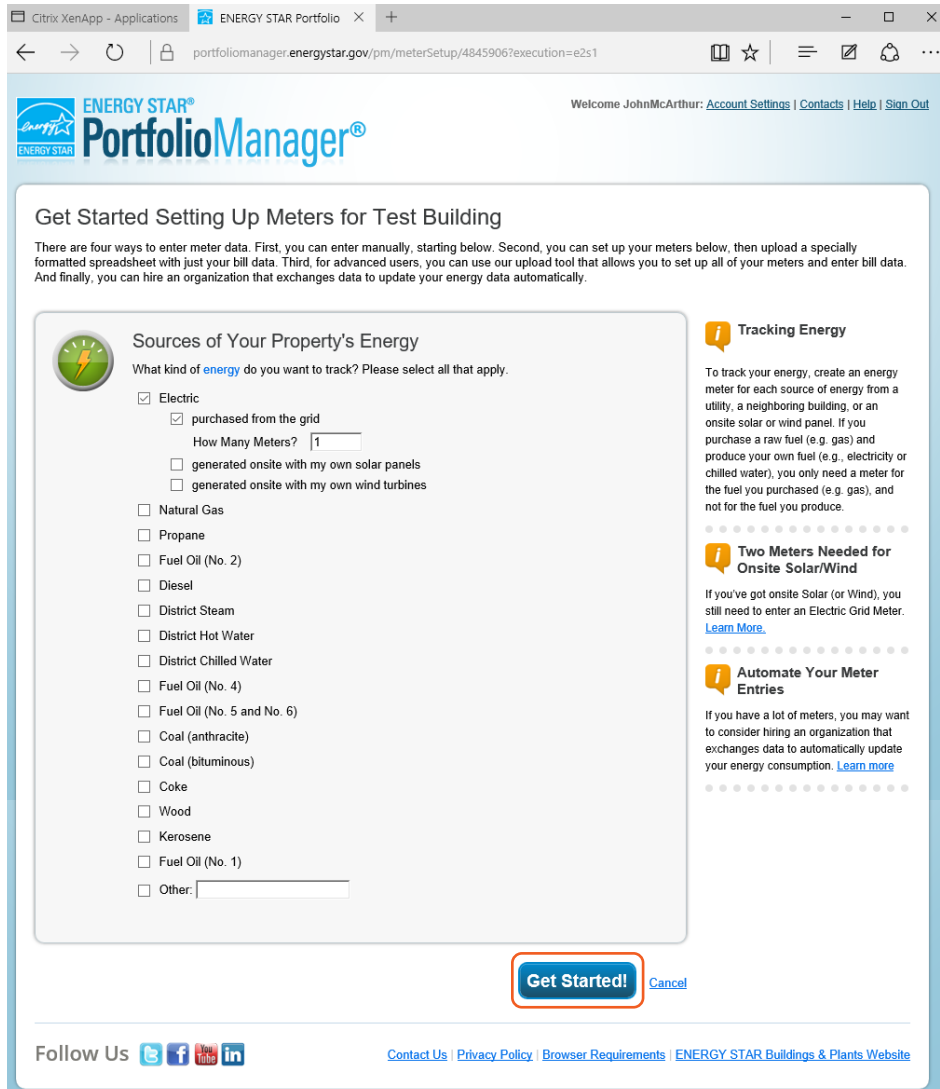
Meters - Used to Compute Metrics (0)
[View as a Diagram](#)

! There are currently no energy meters entered for this property/building. In order to track energy usage and receive energy metrics, you must provide an energy meter. [Enter information about your energy meters](#) to begin tracking energy usage. After entering the meter, you will need to [choose to include it in your metrics](#).
For a step-by-step guide to entering meter data, see [How to get Utility Data into Portfolio Manager](#).

[Add A Meter](#)

2.10 Indicate the sources of your property’s energy. As you select different fuels, additional fields will appear. After you have filled out the required information about the meter(s), click Get Started.

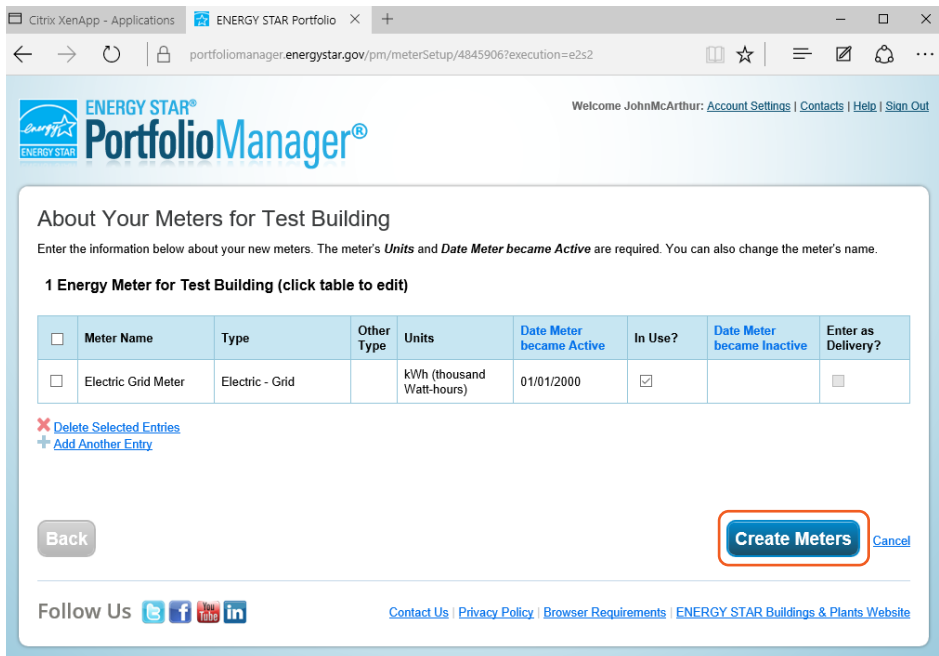
Note: You may also track your property’s water usage, but it is not required to benchmark your property, and site water consumption will not factor into your benchmark score.



2.11 Indicate the Units for each fuel type by double-clicking in the appropriate field and selecting the correct units in the drop-down menu that appears. For BC Hydro meters, the units selected for electricity use should be kWh

Enter the date the meter was first billed for each meter, which is normally the date the building was built or at least state it starting 3 years prior if you have and want to sync 3 years of BC Hydro data. Data prior to the “Active” date will NOT be synced.

For BC Hydro meters you plan to connect via Web Services, you can use any meter name. We recommend making the meter name something you can easily recognize later and also add the BC Hydro account number to the meter name for reference, for example “Arbutus Office on Main 000099999” then click Create Meters.

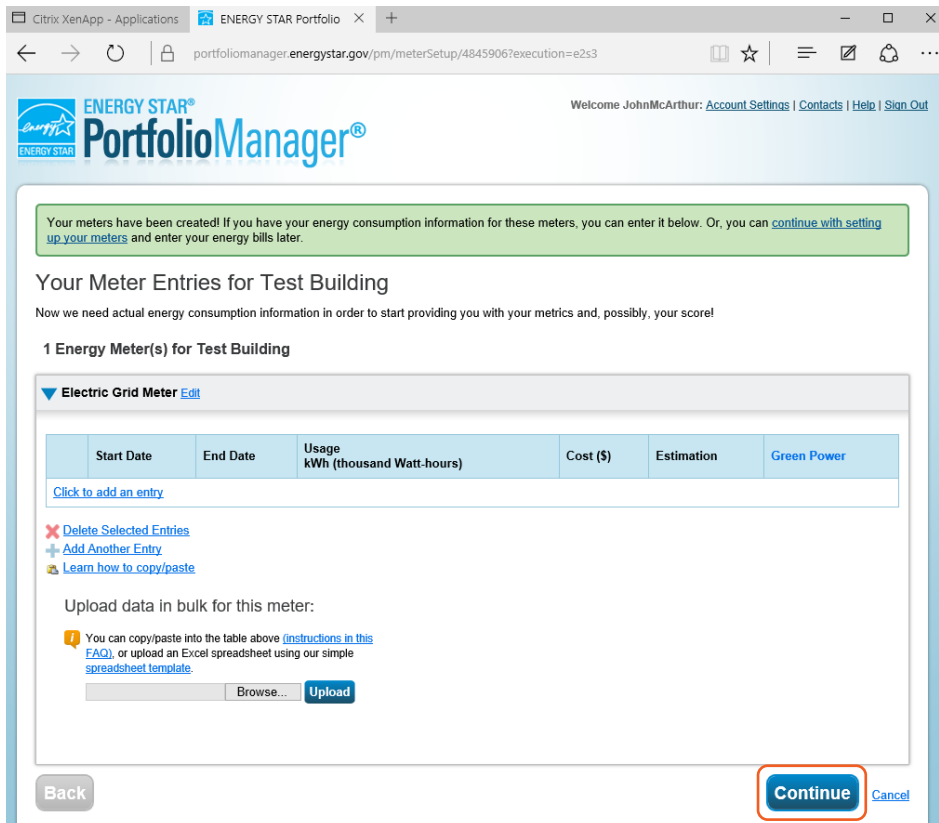


2.12 On this screen you can add manual meter entries, if desired.

To add monthly meter entries manually, select “Click to add an entry”. You will then need to enter the billing Start Date, End Date, and Usage for each month. Adding cost data is optional.

Instead of adding data manually, you can upload an Excel spreadsheet to add multiple meter entries at once using the link at the bottom of the screen.

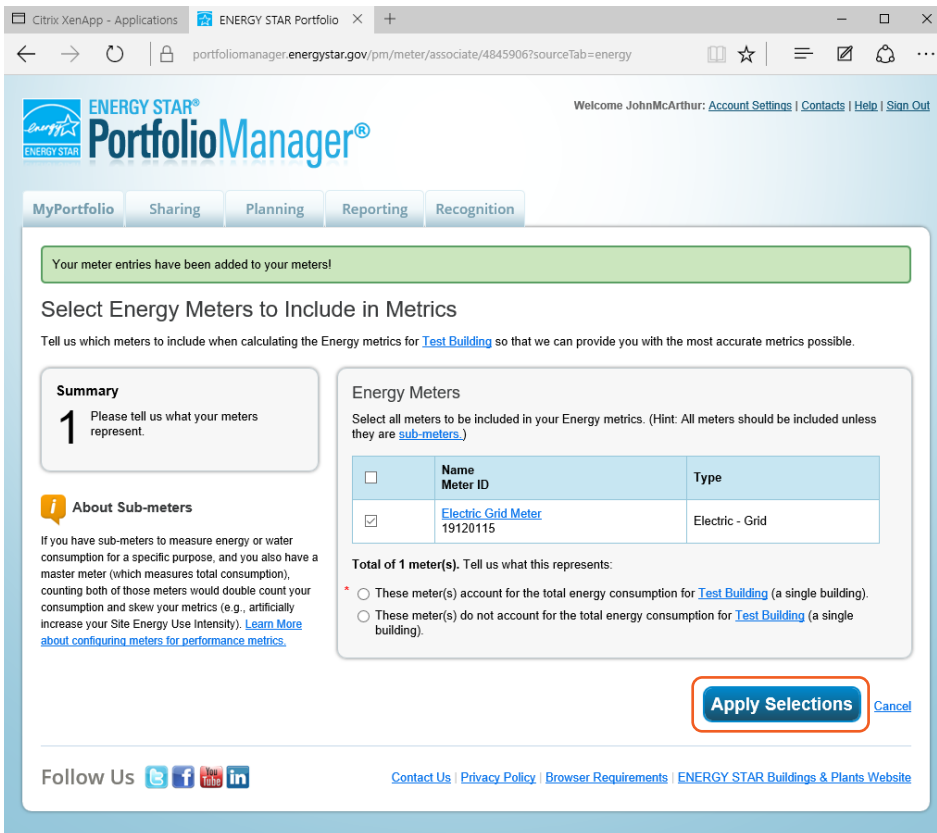
However, if you intend to use BC Hydro’s Web Services to upload your meter’s historical data and usage automatically going forward, simply click Continue.



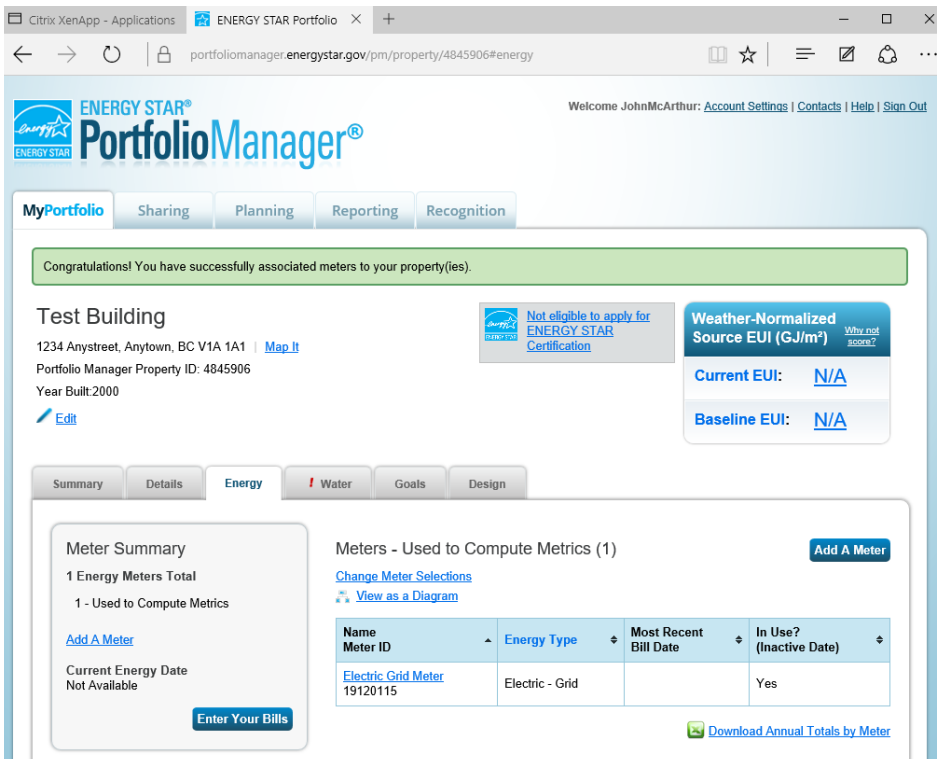
2.13 Configure the meters to use in the Analytic Metrics. Indicate which meters should be used to calculate your building’s energy metrics and whether or not the selected meters account for the building’s entire energy consumption.

If you requested meter aggregation for your residential and/or commercial building enter the aggregation meter codes supplied by BC Hydro. If you are collecting data for a residential MURB, add the common area meter separately as it will NOT be included in the residential aggregation. If the common area meter is a commercial account, then set up the individual meter for web services Otherwise, a common area on a residential account type will need to be entered manually.

After you have made your selections, click Apply Selections.



2.14 The Summary tab will show a green banner at the top, confirming you have successfully associated your meters with your property.

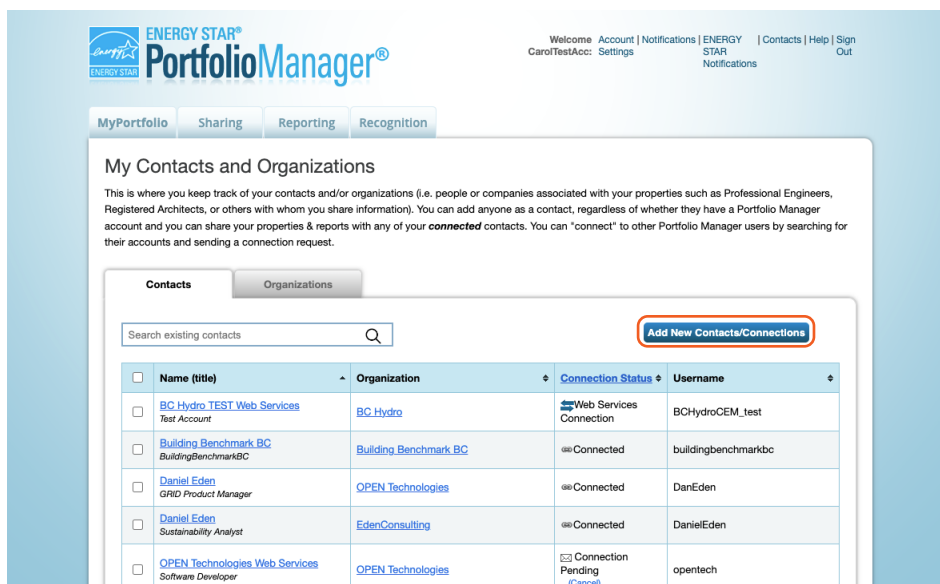


Section 3—How to enroll in BC Hydro’s web services

Before enrolling in BC Hydro’s Web Services, make sure that:

- All of the meters accounting for the building’s total energy consumption have been added to the property profile.
- You have collected the validation details for each meter. You will need your billing Account Number and the Bill Date and Total Cost amount (including cents) from your latest bill.
 - Date format is DD–MMM–YYYY, with a 3–character month and dashes—e.g., 04–JAN–2016.
 - Bill Amount must not have any commas or \$ signs and must include cents, e.g., 1999.88.
 - If the formats are incorrect no error message will display, but the connection will fail.
 - The aggregated “Meter” represented by MURB or COM codes do not require validation.
- The city name is spelled correctly in the address for each property.
- Download your existing meter consumption and cost data into a spreadsheet (for future reference and verification).

3.1 To set up Web Services, the first step is to connect with BC Hydro as a contact. Click on the Contacts link at the top right hand corner of the page.



The screenshot shows the 'My Contacts and Organizations' page in the Portfolio Manager interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'MyPortfolio', 'Sharing', 'Reporting', and 'Recognition'. Below these, the page title is 'My Contacts and Organizations'. A brief description explains that this is where users track contacts and organizations. There are two tabs: 'Contacts' (selected) and 'Organizations'. A search bar is present with the text 'Search existing contacts'. A red box highlights the 'Add New Contacts/Connections' button. Below the search bar is a table with the following data:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name (title)	Organization	Connection Status	Username
<input type="checkbox"/>	BC Hydro TEST Web Services Test Account	BC Hydro	Web Services Connection	BCHydroCEM_test
<input type="checkbox"/>	Building Benchmark BC BuildingBenchmarkBC	Building Benchmark BC	Connected	buildingbenchmarkbc
<input type="checkbox"/>	Daniel Eden GRID Product Manager	OPEN Technologies	Connected	DanEden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Daniel Eden Sustainability Analyst	EdenConsulting	Connected	DanielEden
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPEN Technologies Web Services Software Developer	OPEN Technologies	Connection Pending (Cancel)	opentech

3.2 This takes you to your My Contacts list. Click Add Contact. Search for BC Hydro by entering “BC Hydro” as the Name. Click Search. Select “BC Hydro Web Services”.

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Add Contact

There are two ways to add a contact. First, search below to see if the contact you would like to add has a Portfolio Manager account. If you find the person, send a Connection Request, and when they accept the request, they will be added to your Contacts. Second, if the contact you would like to add does not have a Portfolio Manager account, then you can create an entry within your personal contacts.

Connect with an Existing User for Sharing

Search using any of the criteria below.

Name:

Organization:

Username:

Email:

Search Cancel

Connecting with Other Users

If you think your contact already has an account in Portfolio Manager, search for them. If you find the person, send a Connection Request, and if they accept they will be added to your Contacts. You can easily [share your property](#) information with your contacts.

Keeping Information for Non-Portfolio Manager Users

If the person you want to add does not have a Portfolio Manager account and does NOT need one, you can still add their information to your account. Sometimes you need to add a contact name that doesn't have a Portfolio Manager account to a report or certification application (ex: Signatory, Property Owner).

3.3 After the page refreshes, “BC Hydro Web Services” will appear on the right-hand side of the page. Click “Connect”.

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Search Results

The results of your search are listed below. Clicking “Connect” will send a request to the person asking them to confirm your request to add them as your contact. If they accept, you will see them listed as a connected contact in your address book. If they do not accept, or have not accepted yet, you will see them as an unconnected contact in your address book. Connecting with contacts will make it easier to share property information within Portfolio Manager.

Your Search Criteria

Name:

Organization:

Username:

Email Address:

Search

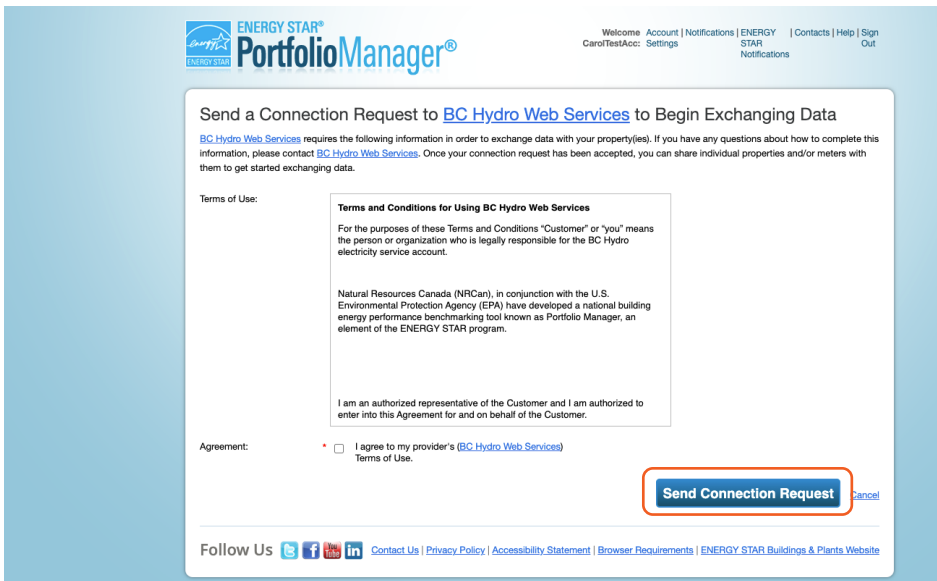
BC Hydro TEST Web Services (BCHydroCEM_test) Test Account with BC Hydro	Connected
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Tip

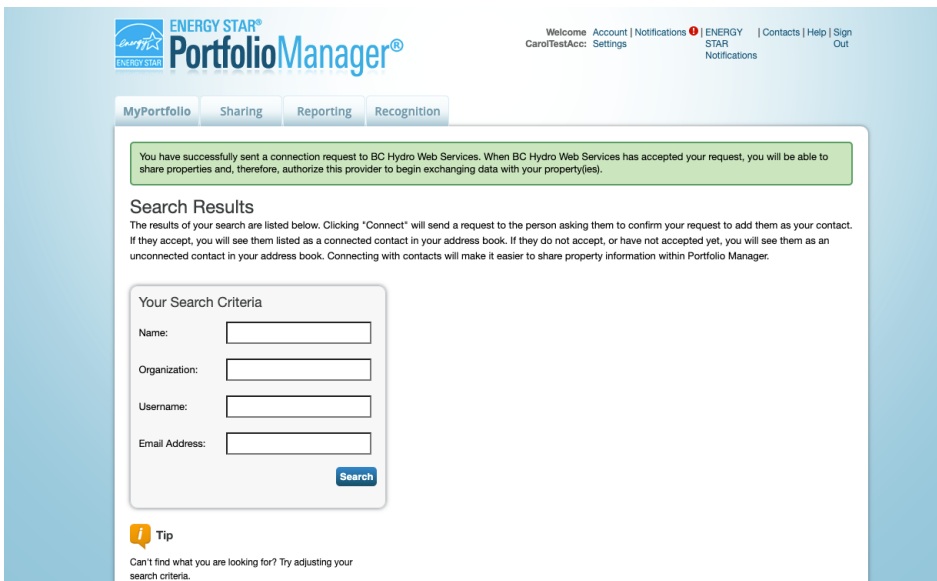
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3.4 Next, carefully read all of BC Hydro’s Terms of Use. Scroll down, read everything carefully, and agree to the Terms of Use. Finally, click Send Connection Request



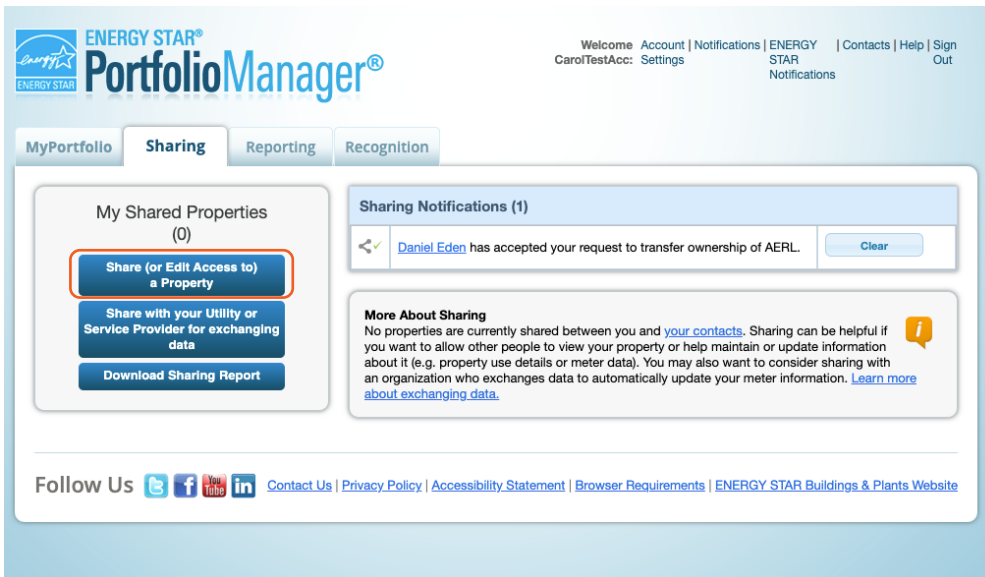
3.5 The top of the next page will show a green bar, confirming your connection request was sent to BC Hydro.

Note: You are not yet connected to BC Hydro until your request is accepted. You will receive a notification in Portfolio Manager when BC Hydro accepts your request. This process takes up to 24 hours.



3.6 After you have received notification that BC Hydro has accepted your connection request, the next step is to share your property(ies) with BC Hydro through your Portfolio Manager account. Go to the Sharing tab.

Click Share (or Edit Access to) a property as shown on this screen.

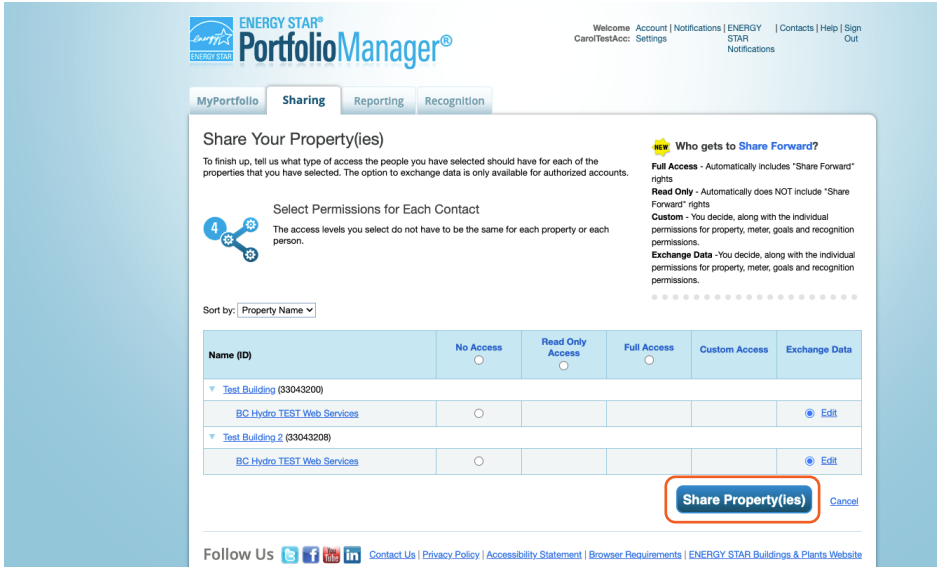


3.7 Next, make your choices under Select Properties to Share. Use the drop-down windows to choose the number of building(s), or group of buildings you would like to share with BC Hydro, and then indicate which specific buildings.

Next, under Select People (Accounts) to Share With, highlight BC Hydro as the Account with which you would like to share. Lastly, under Permissions, select the setting for Exchange Data. Click Continue.

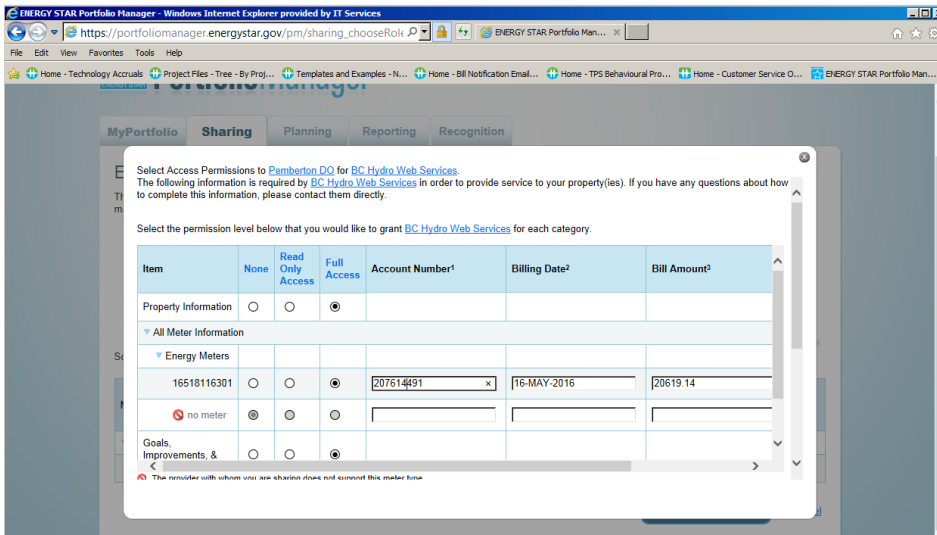


3.8 On the next screen, select the Exchange Data radio button as the permission level to grant BC Hydro. When you do, a pop up box opens, as seen in the next screen shot.



3.9a For Property Information select FULL Access.

Note: This window is longer than it appears here. To see all fields you must scroll down.



3.9b Select your Electric Meters Access to 'Full Access' (meters with read only access will be declined by BC Hydro Web Services) then fill in the required validation fields.

If you are on standard billing, enter your Account Number, the Billing Date, and total Bill Amount of your last bill.

The screenshot shows a BC Hydro bill with the following details:

- BC Hydro Power smart logo
- Prepared for: [Redacted]
- Consolidated account number: [Redacted]
- Invoice number: [Redacted]
- Billing date: **Dec 4, 2023** (highlighted with a red box and labeled 'Billing date')
- Page: 1 of 8
- Your bill highlights**
 - Your bill includes a one-time rate adjustment charge as a result of a 0.4% rate increase that has been applied retroactively to April 1, 2022. Refer to the member account bill details. For more information, visit bchydro.com/rates.
 - Thank you for your payment of \$1,578.96 on Oct 11, 2023.
 - To track your electricity usage for your member account(s), visit bchydro.com/login.
- Total due**: **\$2,066.30** (highlighted with a red box and labeled 'Bill amount')
- Due by Dec 24, 2023
- Turn for bill details →

If you are on consolidated billing, in addition to entering your MEMBER Account Number, enter the MASTER Bill Date and total Bill Amount of your last MASTER bill.

The screenshot shows a BC Hydro consolidated bill with the following details:

- BC Hydro Power smart logo
- Prepared for: [Redacted]
- Consolidated account number: 902 511
- Invoice number: 40003809843
- Billing date: Aug 8, 2023
- Page: 2 of 4
- Total due for consolidated account: \$2,066.18
- QR code
- Bill details for member accounts**
 - Member account # **120 5600 132** (highlighted with a red box)
 - Service address: [Redacted] VANCOUVER
 - Member account [Redacted]) decrease in electricity usage from last year
 - mand Jul 1, 2023
 - tor
- Meter reading information**
 - Energy
 - Meter number **5969164**
 - Starting Jun 28, 2023..... 12861
 - Ending Jul 27, 2023..... 12955
 - Difference..... 74
 - Multiplier..... x 240
 - 17,760 kWh used over 30 days**
 - Demand
 - Meter number **5969164**
 - Jul 27, 2023..... 147
- ELECTRICITY CHARGES**
 - Based on Medium General Service Rate 1500
 - Jun 28, 2023 to Jul 27, 2023
 - Basic Charge** 30 days @ \$0.2698 /day..... \$8.09*
- ENERGY CHARGES**
 - 17,760 kWh @ \$0.0977/kWh..... \$1,735.15*
- DEMAND CHARGES**
 - 35 kW @ \$5.4800 /kW..... \$191.10*
- POWER FACTOR**
 - Power factor of 86%: Surcharge of 4% on electricity charges..... \$77.37*

- Date format is DD-MMM-YYYY, with a 3-character month and dashes—e.g., 04-JAN-2016.
- Bill Amount must not have any commas or \$ signs and must include cents, e.g., 1999.88.
- If the formats are incorrect no error message will display, but the connection will fail.

Note: the latest two invoices are valid for both individual account and consolidated account.

Select full access for each electric meter you would like to connect with BC Hydro. Choose Read Only for Goals, Improvements, & Checklists, as well as NONE for Recognition.

Important information for common area accounts:

MURB code:

- Common area meter under the residential rate will be excluded from the MURB code aggregated data. You should add it to Portfolio Manager only after setting up the MURB code so that the system registers it properly.
- Common area meter under the commercial rate will be excluded from the MURB code aggregated data. You can add it separately in Portfolio Manager and connect to Web Services for automatic data upload for that individual account.

COM code:

- Common area meter under the commercial rate will be included in the COM code aggregated data. If the common area meter has also been entered separately in Portfolio Manager, i.e., while setting up the MURB code for a mixed-use building, deselect the individual meter from the building total in Portfolio Manager as to not double count this meter.

Select Access Permissions to [Test Building](#) for [BC Hydro TEST Web Services](#).

Goals, Improvements, & Checklists	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>				
Recognition	<input checked="" type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>				

¹ **Account Number:** Account Number; Between 1 and 12 Characters

² **Billing Date:** Billing Date (Format DD-MMM-YYYY); Between 11 and 11 Characters

³ **Bill Amount:** Bill Amount; Between 1 and 16 Characters

⁴ **MURB Code:** Verification code provided by BC Hydro for eligible Multi Unit Residential Buildings; Between 32 and 32 Characters

Additional Options:

Item	Yes	No
* Share Forward Allow BC Hydro TEST Web Services to share this property with others and give them any permissions that he/she has, including the right to share with more people.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

[Apply Selections & Authorize Exchange](#) [Cancel](#)

Note: If your organization receives a consolidated bill from BC Hydro you will need to use each individual account number (“member account number”), for connection to BC Hydro web services updating.

3.9c Set the Share Forward permission level to NO, then in the bottom right hand corner, click on blue box reading “Apply Selections & Authorize Exchange. The pop up window will now close.

3.9d Finally, it is very important that you select “Share Properties” to complete the process. Until you click “Share Property(ies)”, the selections you entered in the pop up window will not be submitted to BC Hydro.

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Share Your Property(ies)

To finish up, tell us what type of access the people you have selected should have for each of the properties that you have selected. The option to exchange data is only available for authorized accounts.

Select Permissions for Each Contact
The access levels you select do not have to be the same for each property or each person.

Sort by: Property Name

Name (ID)	No Access	Read Only Access	Full Access	Custom Access	Exchange Data
Test Building (33043200)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BC Hydro TEST Web Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Edit

Who gets to Share Forward?

- Full Access** - Automatically includes "Share Forward" rights
- Read Only** - Automatically does NOT include "Share Forward" rights
- Custom Access** - Custom Access allows you to select more granular permissions for each group of information (Property, Meters, Goals, and Recognition). If you are sharing a property with multiple meters, you can even select different permissions for each meter. By default, all selections are set to "Read Only." After you select permissions, you also decide whether you want to give "Share Forward" r... (Click to view the full term in the glossary)
- Exchange Data** - You decide, permissions for property, meter permissions.

Share Property(ies) Cancel

3.10 A green banner will appear at the top of the Sharing tab confirming the request submission. Your request should be processed within 1–2 business days. Each shared meter will receive up to 36 months of historical data (depending on when the account was opened) plus monthly updates going forward.

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You have successfully shared/edited access to your property(ies). If you shared properties, you will receive a notification when your contact has accepted the share. If you edited access to current permissions, the edits have been made, no acceptance is required.

If you edited web services Custom ID fields, [read this](#).

My Shared Properties (1)

- [Share \(or Edit Access to\) a Property](#)
- [Share with your Utility or Service Provider for exchanging data](#)
- [Download Sharing Report](#)

Sharing Notifications (3) [View All](#)

Test Building - Sharing request sent to BC Hydro TEST Web Services	Cancel
Electric Grid Meter - Sharing request sent to BC Hydro TEST Web Services	Cancel

Overview of Shared Properties [Learn more about Sharing Properties](#)

By Contact | By Property

Filter By: All Sharing Contacts [Search](#)

Name	Organization	Properties We Share	Action

Once meter sync is accepted, you can see that in the “notifications” section.

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View All Notifications (7)

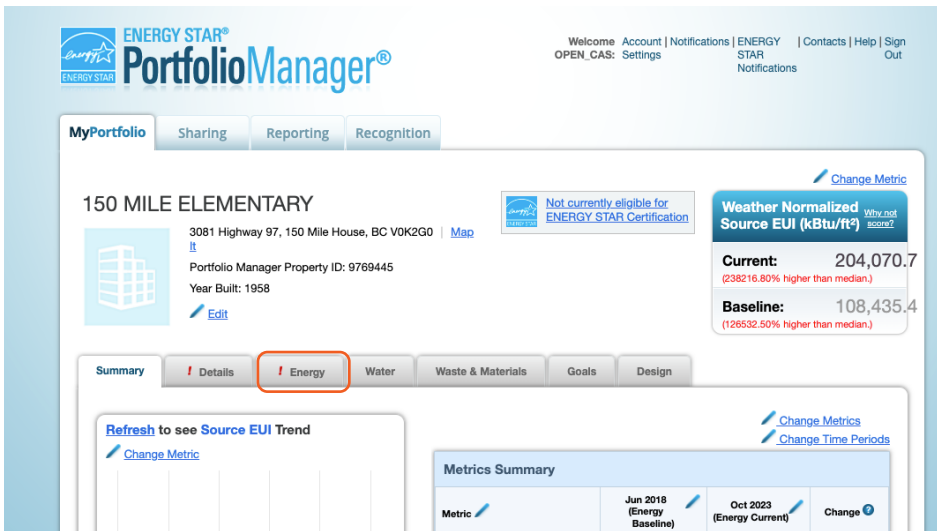
Incoming Requests (0) Outgoing Requests (1) **Notices (6)**

[Clear](#)

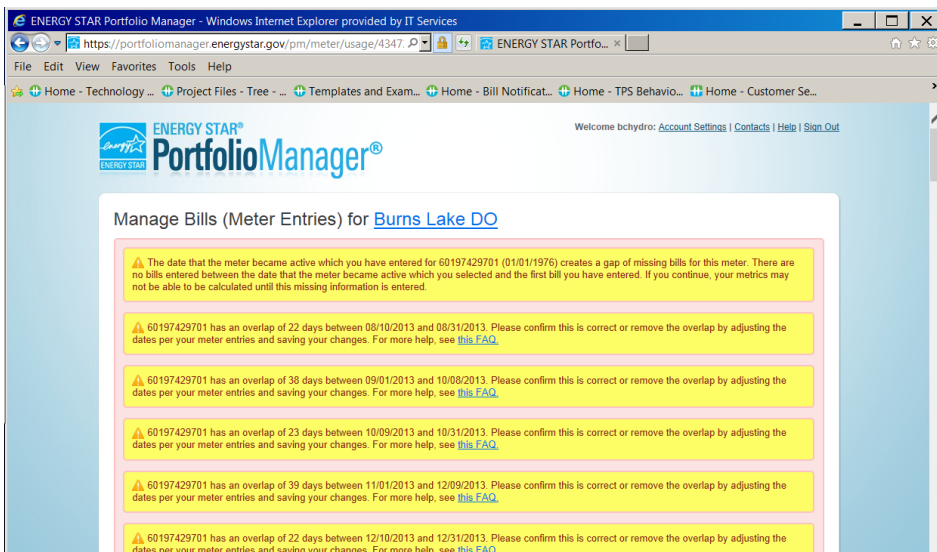
Type	Notification	Date	
✓	You are connected to Daniel Eden .	6/5/2023	<input type="checkbox"/>
✓	Daniel Eden has accepted your request to transfer ownership of AERL.	9/14/2023	<input type="checkbox"/>
✓	BC Hydro TEST Web Services has accepted your request to connect because request has been accepted.	1/2/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>
✓	Test Building - Share accepted by BC Hydro TEST Web Services because request has been accepted.	2/29/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.11 Review Uploaded Data and Erase Any Duplicates: For meters that have been successfully shared, BC Hydro will populate up to 36 months of energy data for that meter. Review uploaded data for accuracy and erase duplicates of previous consumption entries you have made:

3.11a Go to the screen showing summary data for the property. If there are issues in the consumption data there will be an exclamation mark on the Energy tab. Click on that tab, then on the electric meter.



3.11b The displayed consumption entries will have highlighted error messages at the top and in between consumption records.



3.11c Scroll down to the duplicate entries and select the ones you don't want.

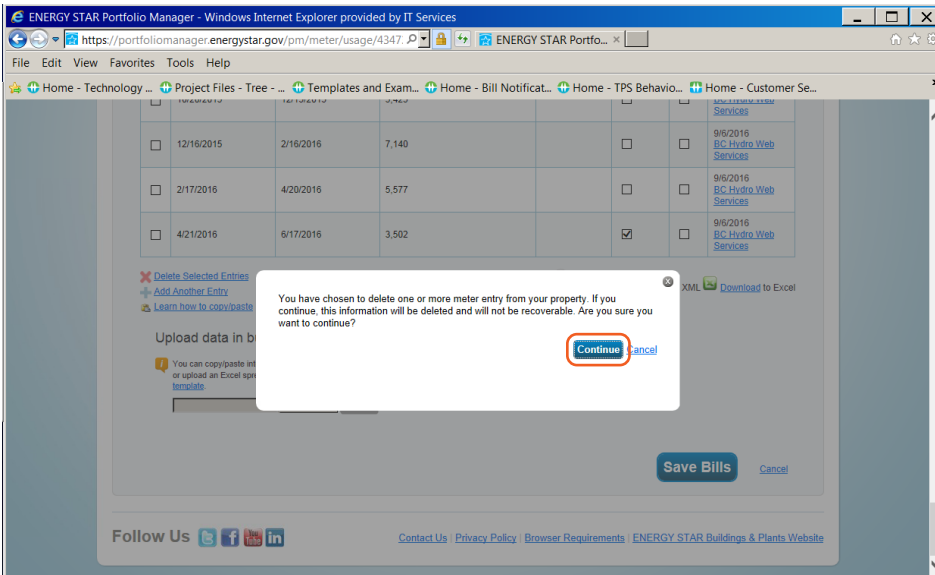
The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager - Windows Internet Explorer provided by IT Services". The address bar shows the URL "https://portfoliomanager.energystar.gov/pm/meter/usage/4347...". The page displays a table of meter entries with columns for start date, end date, usage, and other metrics. A red box highlights the checkbox for the entry dated 9/10/2013. Below the table, there are several yellow warning messages about date overlaps. At the bottom of the table, there is a row with a date range from 10/09/2013 to 12/09/2013, with a usage of 7,146. A red box highlights the checkbox for this entry.

Start Date	End Date	Usage	Other Metrics
6/1/2013	6/30/2013	6,302.82	0.00
7/1/2013	7/31/2013	6,512.82	0.00
8/1/2013	8/31/2013	6,512.82	0.00
9/10/2013	10/8/2013	2,587	
9/1/2013	9/30/2013	6,302.82	0.00
10/1/2013	10/31/2013	6,512.82	0.00
10/09/2013	12/09/2013	7,146	

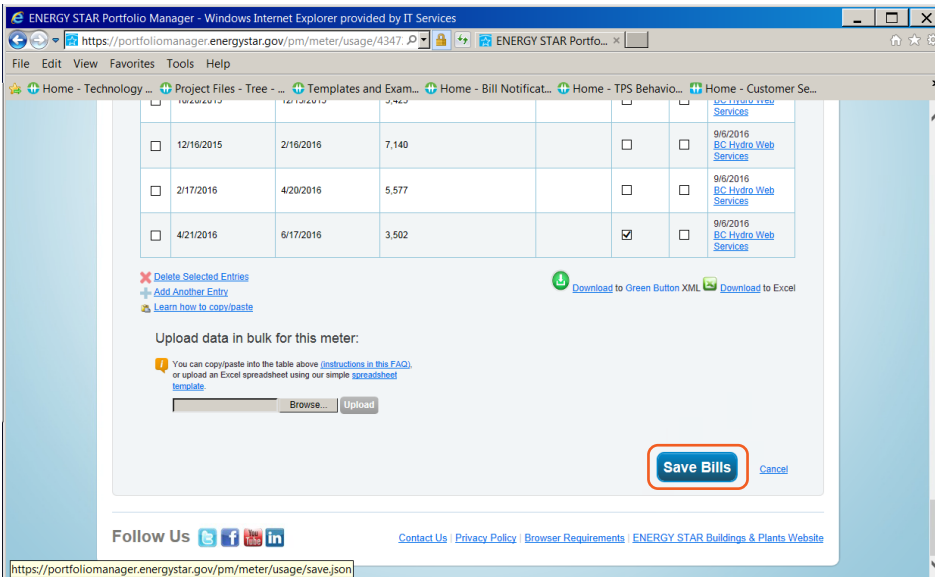
3.11d Scroll to the bottom of the page and click Delete Selected Entries

The screenshot shows the same web browser window as in 3.11c, but scrolled down to the bottom of the page. A red box highlights the "Delete Selected Entries" button. Below the table, there are options to "Download to Green Button XML" and "Download to Excel". There is also a section for "Upload data in bulk for this meter:" with a "Browse..." button and an "Upload" button. At the bottom of the page, there are social media links and a "Save Bills" button.

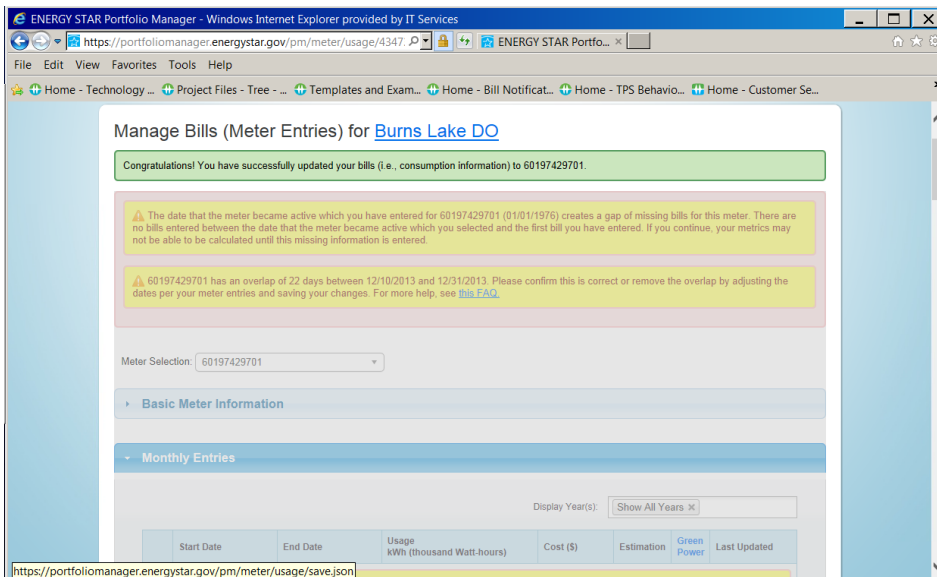
3.11e A confirmation box will pop up, click Continue



3.11f Click on Save Bills to save your changes



3.11g A green banner will appear confirming your updates. The warnings for the corrected records should disappear (note that in the sample below one error record had not been corrected yet).



3.12 Rejected Sharing Requests

If your meter sharing request is rejected (but the property sharing is accepted), follow the procedure in Section 3.9a to re-submit the meter sharing. If you made a mistake and did not set up the property correctly (e.g. wrong account on the property) you will need to unshare the property (and meter if it was accepted) using the procedure in Section 5.5. Note that you must allow one business day for the unshare to be processed before re-submitting the share request.

Section 4—Key features of BC Hydro web services

Past meter energy consumption data

- For meters that have been successfully shared and validated, BC Hydro will populate up to 36 months of energy data for that meter (depending on when the account was opened) plus monthly updates (if billed) going forward.

Existing meter energy consumption data

- BC Hydro's Web Services will not erase or overwrite existing meter entries for dates during the previous 36 months. You will need to remove the duplicate records manually.

Monthly updates

- For meters that have been successfully shared and validated, BC Hydro will update the meter with new entries once a month, (if there is a bill for that month). If there is no bill, no updates will be made.
- Future monthly updates will also not erase or overwrite past data.

Unmetered consumption not sent

- Note that unmetered consumption is not sent. If your account consists only of unmetered energy use, the sharing request will be rejected.

Do not link one BC Hydro account to more than one property

- It is possible to link the same BC Hydro account to more than one property via two separate meters. The system will not reject the second meter sharing request but only one of the meters will be updated with consumption on an ongoing basis.

Property changes owners

If property ownership has changed, but BC Hydro's account numbers remained the same, monthly updates will continue. However, if the account number has changed, BC Hydro will automatically stop sending monthly consumption updates and the new property owner will have to enter a new meter sharing request with the new account number.

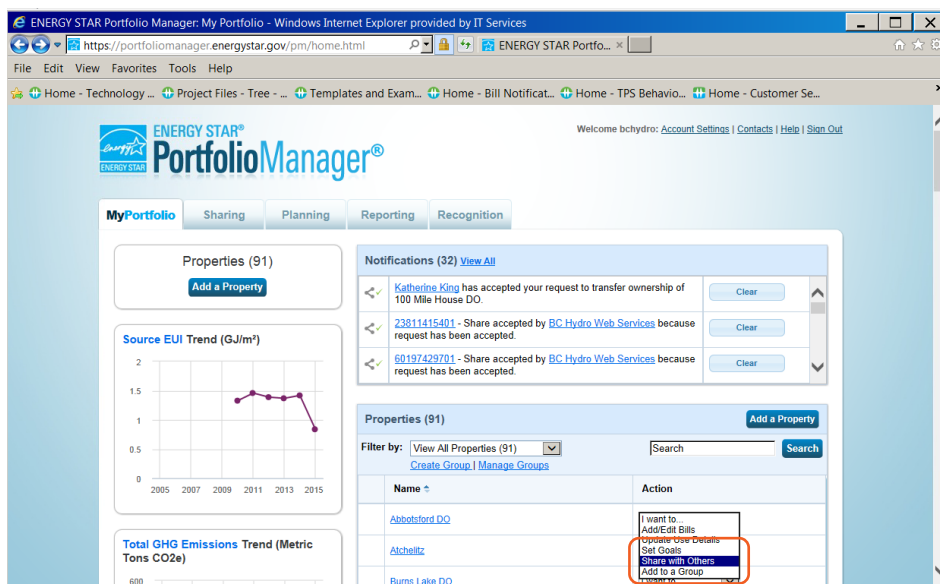
Buildings on Net Metering

If your account is on net metering, the net consumption will be updated to Portfolio Manager. No special setup is required.

Section 5—Changing web services authorizations: share additional properties and meters, share a new meter, remove permissions, or re-setting an existing meter share

Sharing additional properties and meters with BC Hydro's web services

5.1 Once you are connected with BC Hydro you can share additional properties with BC Hydro in a few easy steps. On the My Portfolio tab, under the Action column, select Share with Others next to the property name you wish to share with BC Hydro.



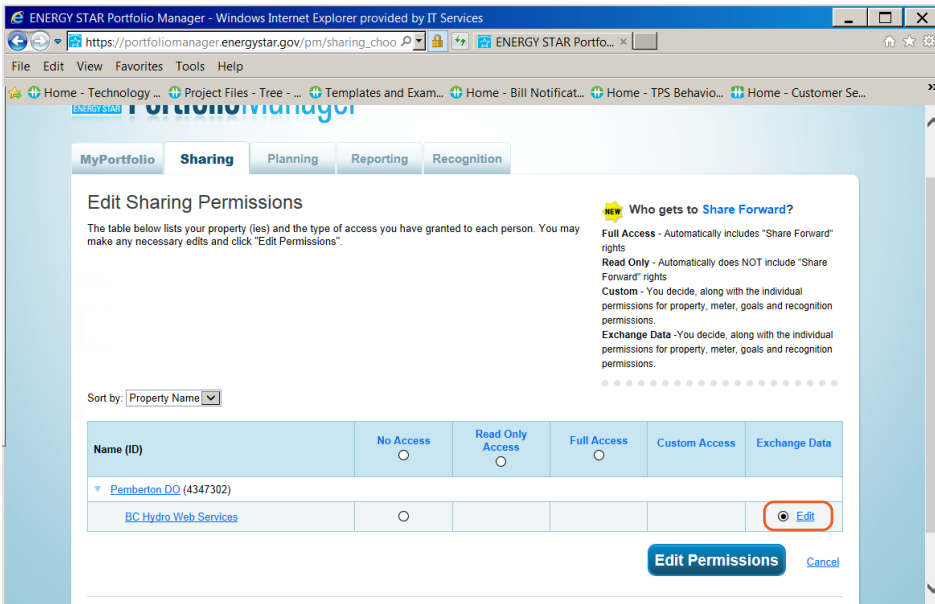
5.2 Next, follow the step-by-step instructions beginning in Section 3.9 to connect the additional property and its meters with BC Hydro's Web Services. Finish making your additions, then click "Apply Selections & Authorize Exchange". The pop up window will close. Then, click "Share Property(ies)" to finalize your new share.

Authorizing additional meters

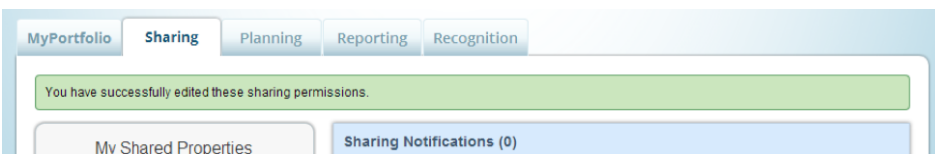
5.3a If you added a new electric meter to a property in Portfolio Manager which is already set up for Web Services data exchange with BC Hydro, and this meter is a separate account, using these directions you can share this additional meter with BC Hydro. From the Sharing tab, under the Action drop-down menu to the right of BC Hydro, select Edit Contact's Permissions.

5.3b When the page refreshes, you will see the screen called Edit Sharing Permissions. First (1) click on the blue Edit link highlighted below; a pop up window will open. Follow the step by step instructions in Section 3.9 to authorize a data

exchange for your new meter, then click “Apply Selections & Authorize Exchange”. The pop up window will now close. Second (2) finalize your changes by clicking on Edit Permissions.

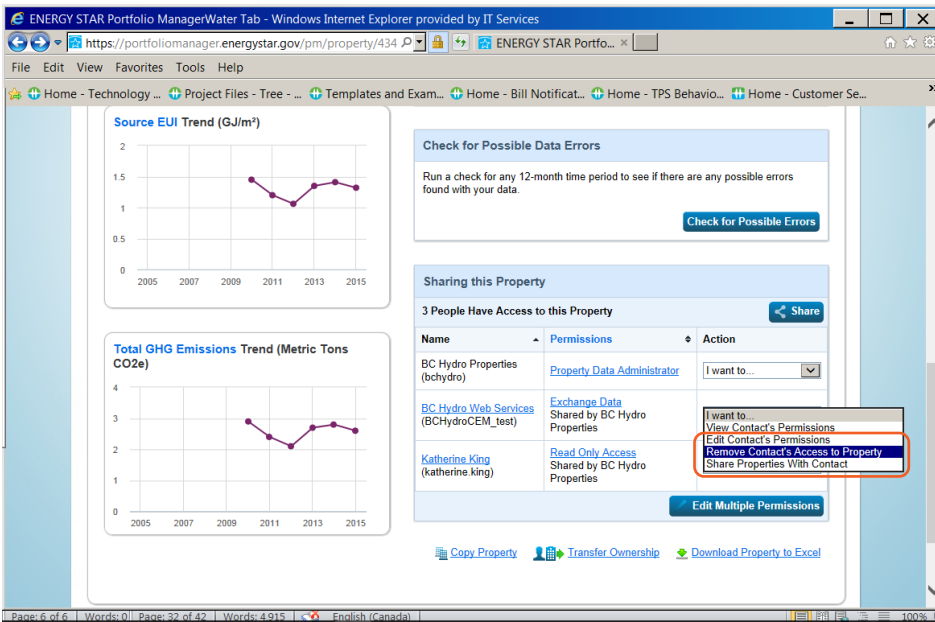


A green banner confirms that you have successfully sent your new sharing permissions to BC Hydro Web Services. It will take 1–2 business days (i.e. overnight) for BC Hydro to accept/reject your new sharing permissions

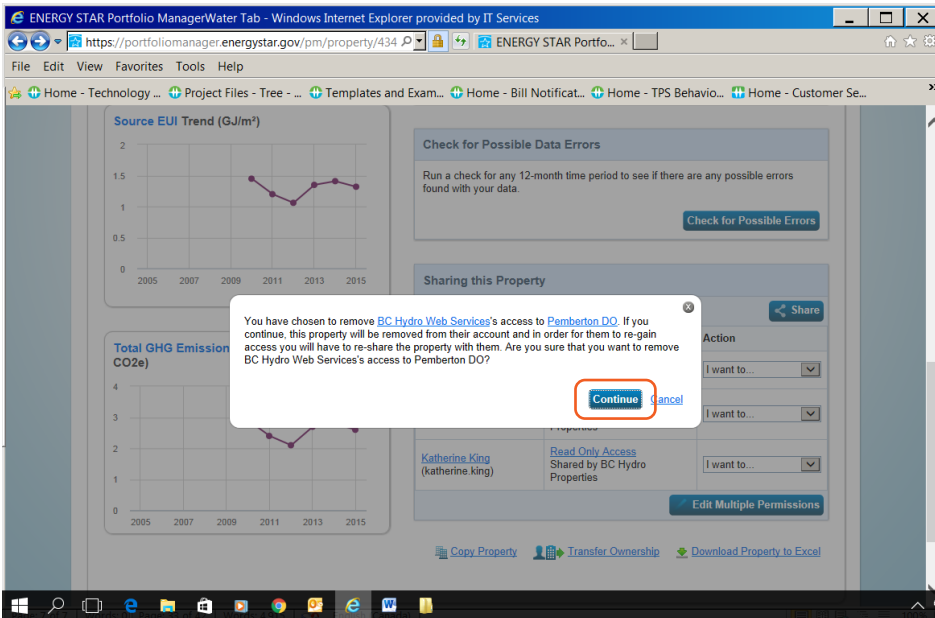


Removing permissions for specific properties and/or meters

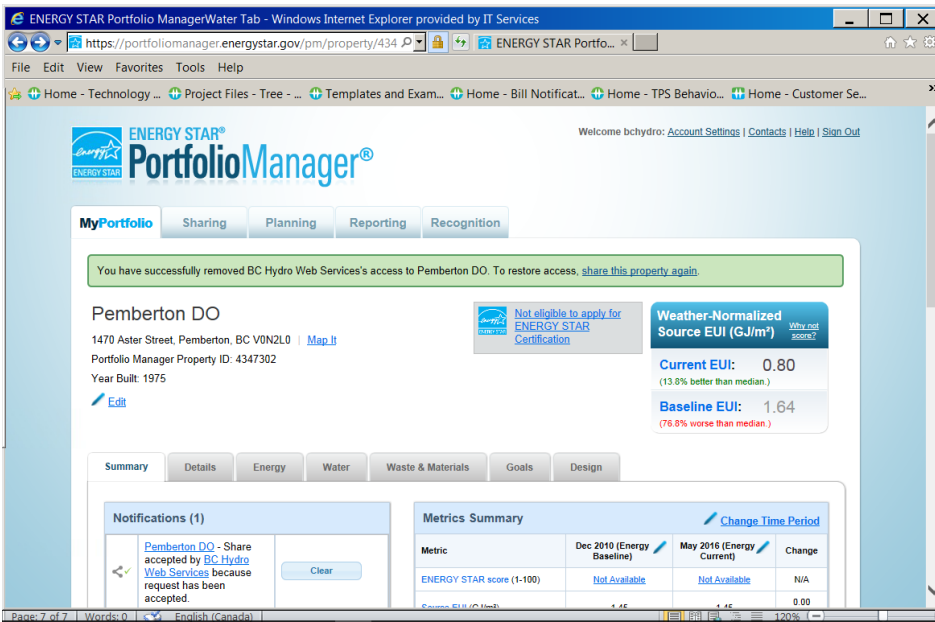
- 5.4 From the property profile Summary tab, under the Action drop-down menu for BC Hydro, you have several options, including “Edit Contact’s Permissions” or “Remove Contact’s Access to My Properties”.
- 5.4a To stop sharing your property and all associated meters with BC Hydro, select Remove Contact’s Access to My Property.



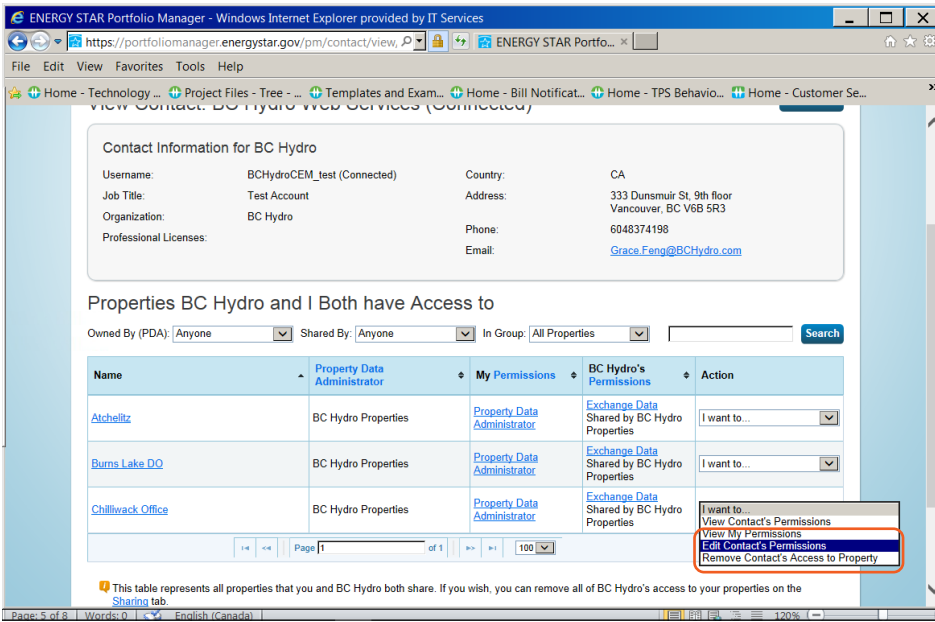
A pop-up window will confirm that you want to remove BC Hydro’s access for this site. Click Continue.



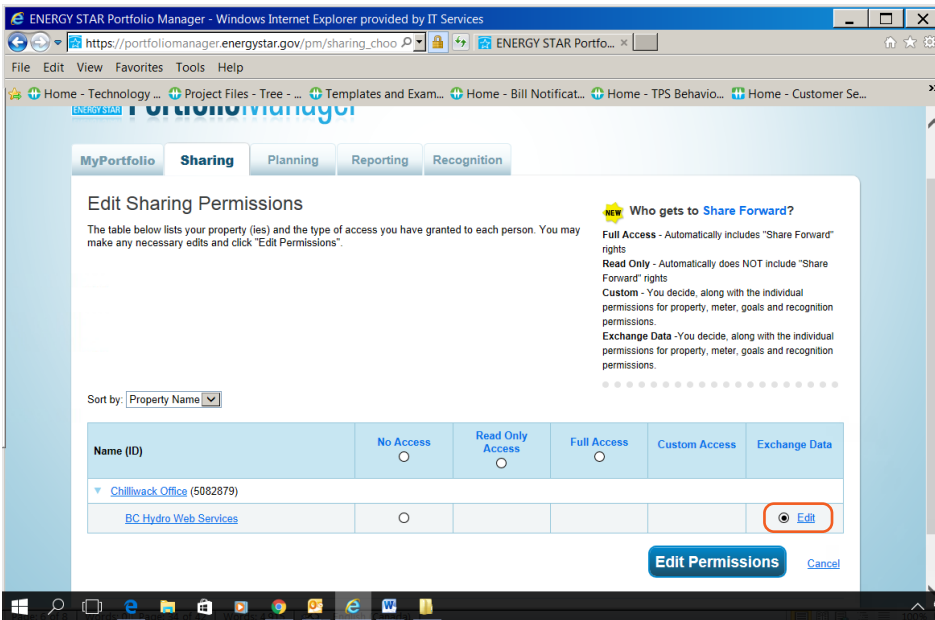
A green banner will confirm that you have stopped sharing your building (and associated meters) with BC Hydro. No new meter data will be uploaded from BC Hydro for this site going forward. Existing meter data previously uploaded into Portfolio Manager from BC Hydro will not be removed, however.



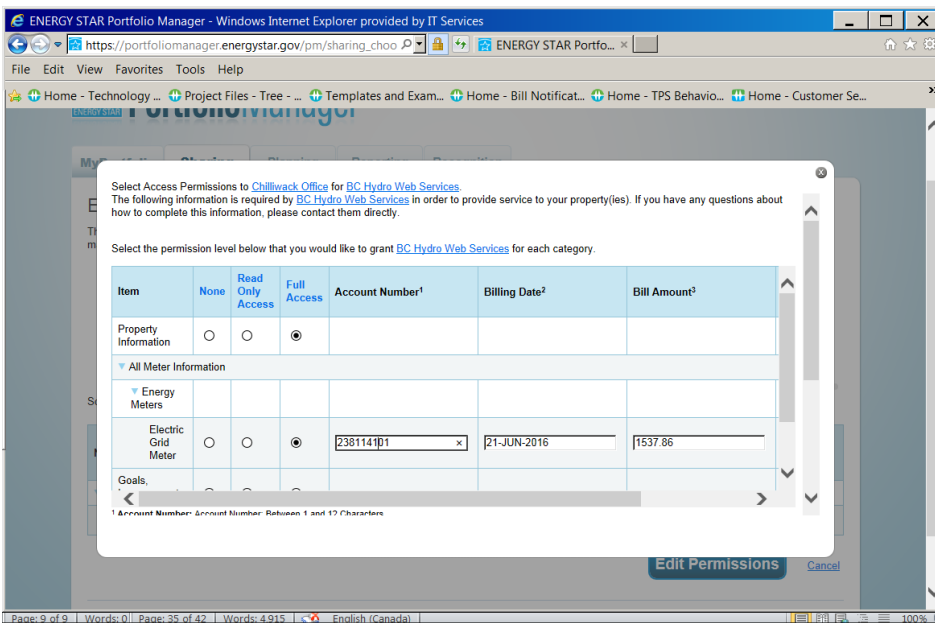
5.4b To remove BC Hydro's access to individual meters, select Edit Contact's Permissions.



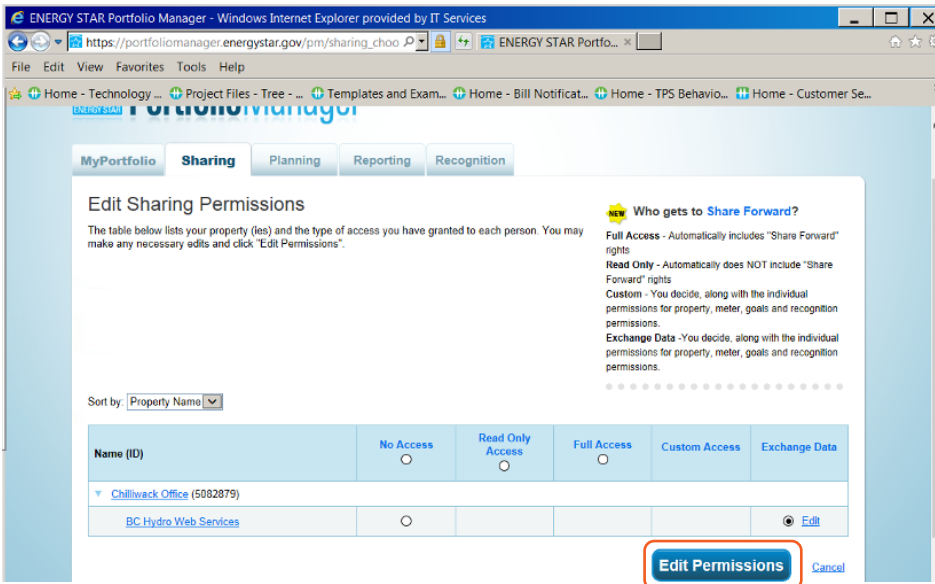
The next screen you'll see is called Editing Sharing Permissions. Click on the word Edit.



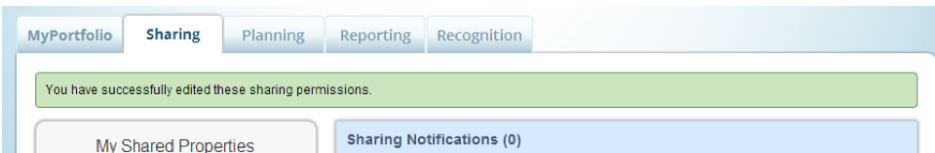
For electric meters you would like to remove from BC Hydro’s access, change the permissions level from FULL to NONE. Then scroll down and click “Apply Selections & Authorize Exchange” button. This pop up window will then close.



Be sure to finish up by clicking on the Edit Permissions button to finalize the change.



A Green banner confirms that you have successfully edited you meter sharing permissions.



Note: For unshared properties and meters: If you have stopped sharing your individual meter or entire property with BC Hydro, going forward BC Hydro will no longer provide any use data, but any existing meter entries will not be removed from Portfolio Manager. Additionally, your contact Connection with BC Hydro will still be preserved.

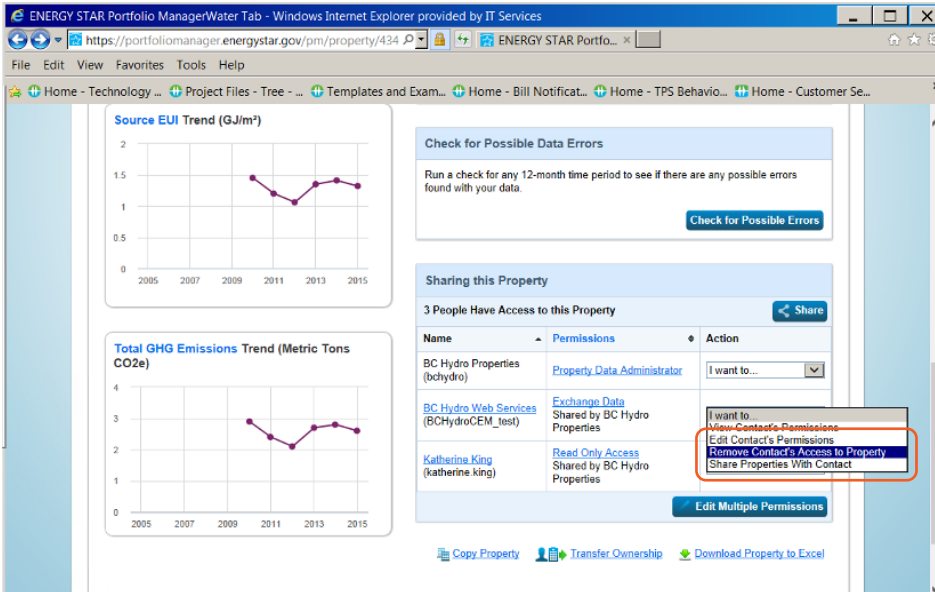
Re-setting an existing meter share

5.5 If you have an existing meter share with BC Hydro that is no longer uploading data, or if you made a mistake when setting up a meter share (e.g. the property has multiple accounts and the wrong one was associated with the meter), use the following steps to fix your existing meter share.

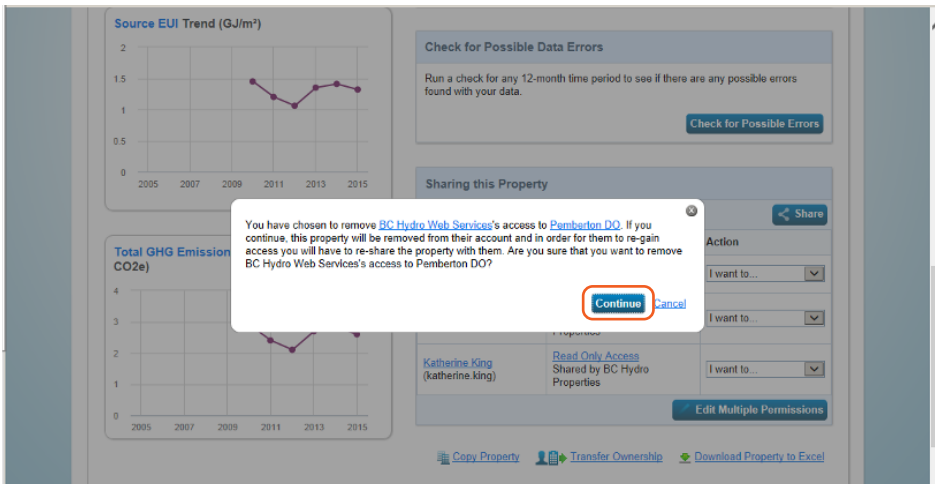
Note: Do not use the “Edit My Contact’s Permissions” option to adjust an existing meter share because BC Hydro will not “see” your edits, even though your changes will appear to have taken effect in Portfolio Manager. To Re-Set an existing meter share to fix an issue, there three steps required:

1. un-share the property and its meters with BC Hydro,
2. make your edits (for example change your meter name to the 8 digit meter number),
3. then set up a brand new share of the property and its meters with BC Hydro using the correct information.

5.5a Step 1. Stop sharing your property and all associated meters with BC Hydro by selecting Remove Contact's Access to Property from the Summary tab of Portfolio Manager.

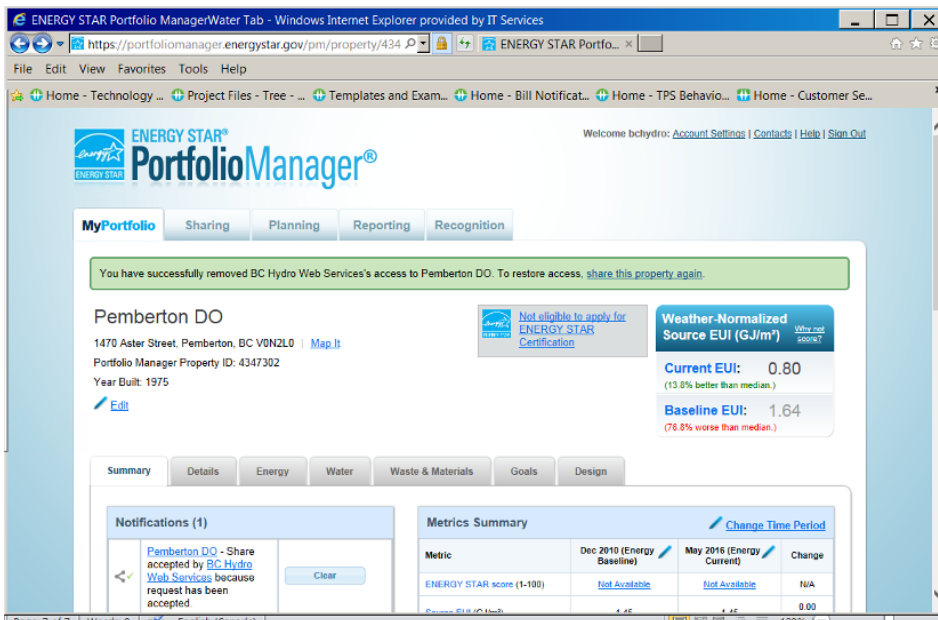


A pop-up window will confirm that you want to remove BC Hydro's access for this site. Click Continue.



A green banner will confirm that you have stopped sharing your building (and associated meters) with BC Hydro. No new meter data will be uploaded from BC Hydro for this site going forward. Existing meter data previously uploaded into Portfolio Manager from BC Hydro will not be removed.

Important note: due to system limitations the unshare must be processed before proceeding to the next step. Please wait one business day for this to be processed. You will not receive a notification of the unshare being processed by BC Hydro.



5.5c Step 2. Set up a new share with BC Hydro for the property and its meter(s). Follow the steps outlined in Sections 3.6 through 3.10 carefully, making sure to enter all details correctly, such as the account number, last bill date and last bill dollar and cents amount.

You may find when you get to the step in 3.9b where the pop-up window opens that the numbers you entered on your first attempt to share the property and its meter(s) are still there. If you do see your old data, be sure to fix any errors in the account number or last bill amount. If these fields are blank when the pop-up window opens, fill them out again carefully.

Be sure to select the permissions levels exactly as described in Section 3.9b and 3.9c, and then save your selections as described in Sections 3.9d and 3.9e. You should see a data upload from BC Hydro within 1–2 business days. If you still do not see use data in your meter(s), or if you know you made a data entry error, repeat the un-share/re-share steps described here in Section 4.5, correcting any inaccuracies in data entry or permissions levels chosen.

Section 6—Troubleshooting

Issue #1:

I received a notification in Portfolio Manager that my meter sharing has been declined.

OR I entered a meter sharing request for my building in BC Hydro’s Web Services and it’s been more than one business day. However, my energy data still hasn’t been uploaded to Portfolio Manager.

Solution #1:

Omitting one or more of the steps below will cause BC Hydro’s Web Services system to be unable to process your request to upload energy data. After carefully completing all of these steps, you should see your energy use history uploaded within one business day.

1. When submitting your connection request to BC Hydro, read the terms of use and checkmark the “I agree to my provider’s terms of use” box. Then press “Send Connection Request”.
2. When you initiate sharing the property(ies) of interest with BC Hydro, choose “Exchange Data” level of permissions.
3. In the pop-up window entitled “Select Data Exchange Access Permissions”, fill out all fields marked with a red asterisk. Be sure to choose Full Access on the Property itself, and Full Access for each Meter you are setting up in Web Services. Leave

Permissions Levels for any gas meters set to None. Add the Bill Account Number and add Last Bill Date and Amount (with both dollars and cents). When everything is entered correctly, press “Apply Selections & Authorize Exchange”.

Note: You can enter the information from any of your last two bills.

4. When the pop-up window closes, you must then click on “Share Property(ies)”.

If energy data is still not uploaded within one business day, you may be requesting data for a “closed” account. BC Hydro is unable to provide energy use history for closed accounts.

If your meter sharing request has been declined again, email your property ID, Portfolio Manager meter ID, BC Hydro account number, bill data and bill amount to PMWebServices@bchydro.com for investigation.

Issue #2:

BC Hydro’s Web Services uploaded my energy use history, but I still haven’t received my benchmark score from Portfolio Manager.

Solution #2:

There are many reasons why your facility may not have a rating. The best way to find out why is to click on the link that says “N/A” next to the facility name, where the score would otherwise appear. Reasons will be displayed. Also, evaluating your data by running the Data Quality Checker can identify issues with your record. This helpful tool is found on the Summary Tab of Portfolio Manager. For additional assistance with Portfolio Manager and your benchmark score, visit the Frequently Asked Questions page here energystar.supportportal.com/, contact the EPA’s Help Desk at buildings@supportportal.com or Natural Resources Canada benchmarking webpage nrcan.gc.ca/energy/efficiency/buildings/energy-benchmarking/3691

Issue #3:

Someone left my company, how can I get access to their buildings in Portfolio Manager?

Solution #3:

The fastest solution is to directly contact your former colleague ask that they transfer the properties to your account. Note that you must be connected to BC Hydro Web Services BEFORE the transfer to leave the meter sharing intact.

However, if you are unable to contact this individual and EPA can verify in the database that both accounts are registered under the same company, EPA can transfer the properties on behalf of the former owner. Send EPA a request through the EPA “Ask A Question” form—be sure to include both Portfolio Manager usernames and which properties you want transferred.

To avoid similar complications and/or delays in the future, EPA strongly recommends implementing one of the following procedures:

- Create a corporate account which “owns” all of the properties and have an administrator share properties with employees’ individual accounts as necessary. When an employee leaves, this main corporate account can “unshare” with her/him. It can then share with the account of the person taking over the position.
- Ensure that all properties are transferred to the appropriate new property data owner before an employee leaves.

Issue #4:

There are duplicate consumption records in Portfolio Manager for the same billing period.

Solution #4:

Two conditions can result in duplicate (or overlapping) consumption records:

1. There were records already in Portfolio Manager when the initial history was loaded by the system. Solution: delete whichever record you don't want from each billing period (see instructions in section 3.11).
2. There was a billing correction (rebate/rebill), resulting in a negative consumption record for the same period as positive consumption. Solution: normally you will see 3 records, a negative and a positive for the same amount, plus a 3rd positive entry. Delete the two that match.

Note that normally if one billing period is estimated the following billing period will just be the net amount to offset the actual vs. the estimate, so no duplicate record will be created. You do not need to make any changes in this case.

Issue #5:

In some years, your building may not show a weather-normalized source EUI

Solution #5:

Portfolio Manager includes metrics designed to 'normalize' conditions that can affect how much energy you need to operate your property in a given year. These effects are incorporated to help you better understand your energy performance. The metrics restrict billing periods to a maximum of 65 days. It is possible in rare cases for the monthly billing period to exceed this. You will need to manually split the billing period into two records.

To resolve this issue:

1. Click on the meter.
2. Select "Display All Years" in the search box.
3. Manually adjust all billing periods longer than 65 days by adding another entry and splitting the consumption between the new record and the one that was there.
4. Click "Save Bills."

Section 7—Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

Does BC Hydro Web Services apply to customers of other electric utilities?

No, customers of Fortis BC Electric, City of New Westminster, Nelson Hydro, and any other electric utilities are not eligible for BC Hydro Web Services. It is up to individual utilities to set up their own web link for data transfer to Portfolio Manager.

Who can I contact for assistance?

- Natural Resources Canada benchmarking webpage nrcan.gc.ca/energy/efficiency/buildings/energy-benchmarking/3691 or email your question to info.services@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca
- US Environmental Protection Agency Energy Star Portfolio Manager webpage energystar.gov/buildings/facility-owners-and-managers/existing-buildings/use-portfolio-manager and online helpdesk at portfoliomanager.zendesk.com/hc/en-us
- For technical questions related to BC Hydro Web Services email your Portfolio Manager property ID and Meter ID and your BC Hydro Account number, last bill dates and bill amount and description of your issue to PMWebservices@bchydro.com

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