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RE: Final Argument of Registered Intervenor

As we stated in our letter of January 21, 2005, VPS believes that it has built a prima facie case for reconsideration of BCUC Order No G-119-04, and that this case supports the argument for approving the EPA provided that the Commission Panel recognizes that the risk analysis portion of the EPA is likely seriously flawed in terms of neglecting to compare the cost effectiveness of the DPP plant against our filed proposals to refurbish and upgrade the Jordan River Hydroelectric Project (also refer to our letter of December 17, 2004).

A huge amount of hydropower capacity at the JRHP sits unused because, in our view, the primary obstacle to "re-powering" the JRHP is the discriminatory nature of the non-competitive energy market structure on the Island. The simple truth is that both the BCUC and BC Hydro have for years inexcusably ignored the fact that both pumped hydro and coal-water-slurry fueled power plants are viable, cost-effective and flexible conventional generation technologies that can bring great value to the larger panopoly of energy options available to ratepayers, both on the Island and on the Mainland (as per our proposed Indian Arm Hydrogen Highway-to-Britannia toll tunnel and related pumped hydro operations at Britannia Mines).

Admittedly, our options for upgrading the JRHP will disrupt the conventional order of things by expanding the playing field, and for this reason, it has been received with a measure of hostility from the proponents and who seek approval of their EPA without caveats. However, the Commission Panel must recognize the possibility that our options for upgrading the JRHP have an important role to play, both in enhancing energy supply security and in establishing a competitive energy market on the Island while also satisfying the concerns of other registered intervenors with respect to supporting their demands to accelerate development of renewable energy, hydrogen and greenhouse gas control technologies.

Please forward this letter to your list of intervenors, and thanks again for your consideration.