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VIA E-MAIL

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BCH 2005 REAP Exhibit No. A-8

To: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Intervenors and Interested Parties

Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Project No. – 3698388/Letter No. L-28-05
Resource Expenditure and Acquisition Plan Application (“REAP”)

By Letter No. L-28-05 dated April 7, 2005, the Commission stated that “Given the comments received in support of an oral hearing, the Commission concludes that the review of the REAP should include an oral hearing and a written hearing process.” It further stated that a determination with respect to the scope of the oral hearing process will be made following the filing of BC Hydro’s Supplemental F2006 Call Evidence. By Letter No. L-33-05 dated May 26, 2005, the Commission stated that it would hear submissions regarding issues for the oral hearing process at the Pre-Hearing Conference (“PHC”) scheduled for July 12, 2005 and that it expected that issues not included in the scope of the oral hearing process would be addressed by way of written submissions. The PHC was subsequently re-scheduled to August 17, 2005 by Letter No. L-51-05 dated July 8, 2005.

The purpose of this letter is to twofold. First it is to remind parties that the Commission will be looking to intervenors for submissions at the PHC in the following three broad areas:

- the issues that should be reviewed by way of an oral or written hearing or negotiated settlement process (“NSP”);
- any additional steps that should be included (e.g. additional information requests, more detailed scoping of issues) in the processes leading to a written hearing, oral hearing, NSP, or some combination of the three;
- the timing of the process or processes selected.

Second this letter suggests tentative dates for oral and/or written hearings as set out in the attached draft Regulatory Timetable. These dates are based on the following assumptions:

- a fairly extensive process of written information requests and responses has already occurred, and accordingly, no further rounds of information requests and responses would be required;
- both an oral and a written hearing may be required;
- a NSP will not be requested;
- the scoping of issues for the oral hearing will be sufficiently focused that the hearing may be completed in one week.

Any or all of those assumptions may need to be revised following the Pre-Hearing Conference and therefore these dates are for discussion purposes only. If a NSP is preferred by some participants at the PHC as a

component of the REAP review, parties are asked to comment on whether that process should take place before an Oral Hearing (if any) begins.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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BRITISH COLUMBIA HYDRO AND POWER AUTHORITY
Resource Expenditure and Acquisition Plan

DRAFT REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Oral Hearing

(2005)

Intervenor evidence	Tuesday, September 6
Participant Information Requests to Intervenors	Thursday, September 15
Intervenor Responses to Information Requests	Monday, October 3
Oral Hearing commences on specified issues	Tuesday, October 11

Written Hearing

BC Hydro written submissions	Friday, September 2
Intervenor submissions	Friday, September 16
BC Hydro reply submissions	Friday, September 23

(Participants may prefer filing of Intervenor Evidence in the Written Hearing, which may narrow the scope of the Oral Hearing)