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VIA E-MAIL

December 11, 2008

BC HYDRO – 2008 LTAP
EXHIBIT A-14

To: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Registered Intervenors (*BCH-2008 LTAP-RI*)

Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro")
Project No. 3698514/Order G-96-08
2008 Long Term Acquisition Plan ("2008 LTAP")

The Commission is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Ludo Bertsch of Horizon Technologies Inc. dated December 9, 2008 (Exhibit C23-5). Mr Bertsch is registered as an Intervenor to the 2008 LTAP proceeding, representing the Energy Solutions for Vancouver Island Society ("ESVI"), a non-profit organization (Exhibit C23-1). In the letter dated December 9, 2008, Mr. Bertsch requests leave to represent three additional entities: the Okanagan Environmental Industry Alliance ("OEIA"), Island Transformation.org ("ITO"), and Rental Owners and Managers Society of BC ("ROMSBC").

The Commission Panel is dealing with Mr. Bertsch's letter to represent OEIA, ITO and ROMSBC as a late registration request and invites Parties who object to Mr. Bertsch's request to write to the Commission by Tuesday, December 16, 2008. Absent any objection filed by that date, the Commission would grant Mr. Bertsch his request to represent the additional three entities.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

Erica M. Hamilton

EC/dg
Attachment

On November 28, 2008, BCUC issued a new schedule⁹ which allows the opportunity for Intervenor to submit Information Requests on BC Hydro's Evidentiary Update.

The Rental Owners and Managers Society of BC (ROMS BC), a not-for-profit society, has 2000 members who own or manage nearly 50,000 residential rental units throughout B.C.

ROMS BC members and their renters are directly affected by the DSM programs in the LTAP proceeding. As noted in the attached letter from ROMS BC: *"in many buildings, the owner pays all operating costs, including utilities, but has little to no ability to influence consumption or conservation of those utilities by the renter"*¹⁰.

ROMS BC has tried to participate in various BCUC hearings, but as explained by Mr. Al Kemp, CEO of ROMS BC, in the Residential Inclining Block proceeding: *"we have no legion of lawyers to examine and cross-examine"*¹¹. Therefore, ROMS BC has decided to be represented by Mr. Ludo Bertsch and join with ESVI, OEIA, and ITO for the LTAP proceeding. This results in greater efficiency, reduces costs, plus it provides all of the organizations more effective participation in the LTAP proceedings.

We request that Mr. Ludo Bertsch be recognized as the official representative for ESVI, OEIA, ITO and ROMS BC for the LTAP proceeding. We also request that the group be called "ESVI, OEIA, ITO & ROMS BC".

Thank you for your consideration,

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⁹ Exhibit A-12, Order G-178-08, Appendix B

¹⁰ Attached ROMS BC letter, December 9, 2008

¹¹ BC Hydro 2008 RIB, Volume 2 Transcript, June 16, 2008, Page 105, Lines 15-16



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BC Hydro Long Term Acquisition Plan
Project # 3698514

To: Erica M. Hamilton

The Okanagan Environmental Industry Alliance has an interest in participating in the BC Hydro Long Term Acquisition Plan, as our organization's region includes large areas served by BC Hydro. This letter is to confirm that the OEIA supports Mr. Ludo Bertsch, and he will act on our behalf as an Intervener for the BC Hydro LTAP, Project # 3698514.

The OEIA is a non-profit and non-partisan association, representing three dozen companies in the environmental technology, product and service sector. Our mandate is to promote the development and growth of residential, commercial and industrial markets through collaboration, mentorship and influencing policy, to enable our members' business success.

Sincerely,

David Mayes
Executive Director/Chairperson
Okanagan Environmental Industry Alliance



IslandTransformations.Org "choosing our future"

October 8, 2008

Mr. Ludo Bertsch

Horizon Technologies Inc

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Dear Ludo,

ITO wishes to indicate our interest in BC hydro's Long Term Acquisition Plan and the important process in place to review this document. We are particularly concerned that tidal power is not included in the list of green sources of energy for generation. Tidal power has the potential to be the major source of electrical energy on Vancouver Island and therefore, should be included in the green source list.

Because of the complexity of the process, our organization requests that you to be our representative at the LTAP proceedings.

Yours sincerely,

William J. Draper

For IslandTransformation.org



RENTAL
OWNERS AND
MANAGERS
SOCIETY OF BC

December 9, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

The Rental Owners and Managers Society of BC (ROMS BC) is a not-for-profit organization, incorporated under the Society Act of BC. The Mission of ROMS BC is "to serve and represent our members and enhance the residential rental industry in British Columbia." Our industry provides homes to approximately one third of British Columbians.

In operation since 1971, ROMS BC currently has 2000 members who own or manage nearly 50,000 residential rental units throughout British Columbia.

In providing homes and incurring all the costs associated therewith, the residential rental industry is unique in two aspects:

- in many buildings, the owner pays all operating costs, including utilities, but has little to no ability to influence consumption or conservation of those utilities by the renters, and
- the ability of owners to raise rents to compensate for increased costs is restricted by rent controls imposed by the BC government. Since 2004, rent increases have been limited to between 3.6% and 4.0% per year, significantly below the increases in utilities rates during that period.

A major component of the costs of providing a rental home are utilities. They represent a much larger proportion of a rental property owner's total costs than is reflected in the consumer price index which is used to calculate the annual rent increase limit. Hence it is critical that the unique needs of our industry be understood and reflected in decisions made to increase our costs of utilities.

It is for this reason that ROMS BC has engaged the services of Mr. Ludo Bertsch of Horizon Technologies Inc. to represent the interests of the residential rental industry relative to the current application by BC Hydro for its Long Term Acquisition Plan.

Should further information be required, please contact the undersigned.

A. G. Kemp, CEO