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SECTION 5

TRANSMISSION INQUIRY

EXHIBIT A-10

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Dear Ms. Fraser and Ms. Sofield:

Re: British Columbia Utilities Commission
Project No. 3698545/Order G-30-09
Inquiry into British Columbia's Long-Term Transmission Infrastructure

Export Study

At the Procedural Conference on April 27, 2009, BC Hydro stated:

"...without precluding any particular model, I foresee BC Hydro and BCTC retaining a third-party expert, but having participant input into the terms of reference, for example. So, having a very transparent open process as to which expert was retained, what their terms of reference are, what scenarios in the export market they would be looking at."

Other parties such as the BC Old Age Pensioners *et al*, and the Commercial Energy Consumers of BC supported the BC Hydro proposal, and requested that participants have some input into the expert selected to do the study and the terms of reference and the scenarios to be considered. The Independent Power Producers Association of B.C. ("IPPBC") suggested that it is up to the participants such as BC Hydro and British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") to determine whether to sponsor such a study, and stated that there should be no difference between the evidence contained in a study sponsored by BC Hydro and BCTC; that is, it should have no special status.

In reviewing the preliminary schedule required to complete the draft report by the deadline established by the Inquiry Terms of Reference, the Inquiry Panel has concluded that in order for the possibility that a third-party expert could begin work in a timely manner and provide input into the analysis to be filed with the Commission in mid-September, the process for selecting a suitable expert and determining the scope of the work to be done

must start very soon. Therefore, BC Hydro and BCTC are requested to submit by June 11, 2009 the names and qualifications of one or more candidates they would hire to prepare an export study, along with an outline of the potential scope of the work to be done.

Participants will have an opportunity to discuss the candidate(s) and the nature of the assignment at the June 18, 2009 Workshop and the June 24, 2009 Procedural Conference established by Order G-47-09.

Yours truly,

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