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BC HYDRO – DAWSON CREEK/CHETWYND TRANSMISSION PROJECT CPCN EXHIBIT A-23

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Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Project No. 3698640/Order G-132-11
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Application
for the Dawson Creek/Chetwynd Area Transmission Project

Request for Suspension of Hearing until Further Notice

By letter dated November 23, 2011, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) requested that the Dawson Creek/Chetwynd Area Transmission (DCAT) Project hearing process be temporarily suspended and no further steps be taken regarding this project until so requested by BC Hydro. BC Hydro stated that fundamental policy issues raised by the Commission Panel, Staff and Interveners could have ramifications far beyond the DCAT project. BC Hydro indicates that some of the issues raised need to be studied jointly by the government and BC Hydro. Accordingly, BC Hydro applied for the suspension and promises to advise the Commission as soon as it is ready to resume the process. (Exhibit B-19)

The Commission has also received submissions regarding BC Hydro's request for suspension from the Commercial Energy Consumers' Association of BC, Association of Major Power Customers of BC, Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union Local 378, West Moberly First Nations (WFMN), BC Old Age Pensioners Organization *et al*, BC Sustainable Energy Association and Clean Energy Association of BC. No party has objected to the request and two of these parties supported the request.

Furthermore, WMFN asks that the Commission delay consideration of WMFN's adjournment application until such time as the BC Hydro request for suspension is determined, and, if the suspension is granted, until such time as BC Hydro requests to re-start the regulatory process. WMNF also advises that as of November 25, 2011, WMFN and BC Hydro reached an agreement in principle for the conduct of an impact assessment study. (Exhibit C5-15)

Accordingly, the Commission Panel grants BC Hydro's request and temporarily suspends the DCAT Project review process and the Regulatory Timetable in Order G-184-11. The Commission Panel also delays the consideration of WMFN's adjournment application until further notice.

Yours truly,

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cc: Registered Interveners
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