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3.0 Reference: TAC Members

Exhibit C4-2, Teck p. 2 Sec. 3(4) Exhibit C14-3, AMPC p. 7 Sec. 4 Exhibit C15-2, Clean Energy BC p. 1 Exhibit C19-3, CPC p. 6 #22(a)

Teck states "[n]on-utility generation, transmission and load entities should also be appointed to TAC positions by the BCUC."

AMPC states "that the proposed TAC is fundamentally flawed in that there is no mandatory provision for non-utility representatives from load or generation users of the electrical system. Non-utility representation on the TAC under Straw Dog 3 would depend totally on the good-will and judgement of utility representatives. This is a major oversight that must be corrected."

Clean Energy BC states "[i]n addition to the BC Hydro and FortisBC representatives on TAC, there should always be at least one representative from each industry that is affected by the Mandatory Reliability Standards Program ('MRS') e.g. an industrial users representative and a renewable electricity sector representative. As well, perhaps a representative from WECC. Instead of at least one-half of TAC members being employees of entities that are subject to the MRS in B.C., the figure should be two thirds."

CPC suggests "mandatory inclusion of representative energy generator and consumer groups who are subject to the MRS Program."

3.1 Given that the mission and purpose of the TAC would be to provide technical information and recommendations to the Commission on specific technical matters only, as directed by the Commission, that the TAC would perform no governance, policy or lobby group functions, and that members of the TAC would be selected for technical expertise and not be appointed to "represent" any organization or group of organizations, what unique technical expertise would non-utility generation, transmission and load entity members provide for the TAC?

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Response:

See CEBC response to BC Hydro IRs 2.1 and 2.2.