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Ms. Laurel Ross
Acting Commission Secretary
British Columbia Utilities Commission
Sixth Floor – 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

Dear Ms. Ross:

RE: Project No. 3698869
British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
Fiscal 2017 – Fiscal 2019 Revenue Requirements Application
BC Hydro's Advance Submissions for Procedural Conference No. 2

The Commission's letter of November 16, 2016 (Exhibit A-12) identified the matters to be addressed at the procedural conference scheduled for November 28, 2016. The Commission indicated that "If BC Hydro or other parties consider it to be efficient to provide written submissions prior to the procedural conference, it is invited to do so on or before noon of Thursday, November 24, 2016."

BC Hydro's position on the appropriate hearing process remains unchanged from our August 29, 2016 pre-filed comments (Exhibit B-4) and counsel's oral submissions at the first procedural conference. Specifically, we are prepared to proceed by whatever hearing format the Commission considers appropriate. The effort that BC Hydro has put into the preparation of evidence and responding to information requests positions the Commission well to address any matter based on a written record should it choose to do so. If the Commission is considering holding an oral hearing, every effort should be made to focus that hearing on those issues where oral evidence will add sufficient value to warrant the significant additional time, resources and cost to customers.

BC Hydro submits that, if the Commission favours an oral component, the procedural order resulting from this procedural conference should identify the matters to be addressed in the oral component with the necessary specificity to ensure a manageable, efficient, and focused hearing, to ensure the best outcomes for our customers.

Counsel for BC Hydro will expand on these submissions at the procedural conference.

Yours sincerely,

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