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British Columbia Utilities Commission  
Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Box 250  
Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2N3  
Attn: Erica Hamilton, Secretary  
By Web Posting

Dear Madam:

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

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I am writing to register the Sierra Club of British Columbia as an intervenor in the above-noted proceeding.

SCBC is a non-profit organization of British Columbians from all walks of life who care about a broad range of environmental issues including climate change and clean energy. SCBC has over 5,000 members and supporters across the province, many of whom are ratepayers of BC Hydro who want the electricity they purchase to come from a sustainable electricity system.

Historically, SCBC participated in a variety of Commission's proceedings that inform the regulatory background of the current proceeding, including the BC Hydro 2008 Long Term Acquisition Plan (LTAP) proceeding and the 2010 Section 5 Inquiry regarding transmission planning in B.C. Currently, BCSEA is an intervenor in BC Hydro's F2012-F2014 Revenue Requirements Application.

In response to paragraph 9 of Order No. G-132-11, SCBC's interest in this proceeding is on behalf of its members' interests as BC Hydro ratepayers and as a public interest environmental organization.

The issues SCBC intends to pursue in this proceeding include:

- the need for the transmission project,
- the cost of the transmission project,
- alternatives to the transmission project as proposed, including alternative concepts, routing, size, staging, and financing,
- the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions consequences of the transmission project,
- the effect of the transmission project on potential wind generation resources in the area,
- the potential for the transmission project to induce incremental natural gas production and GHG emissions that would not otherwise occur,

- who pays for the transmission project, in relation to the risk of stranded assets, ratepayer impact, and customer contributions,
- the effect of the transmission project on the BC Hydro system in terms of system load, the supply/demand balance and new generation,
- the scoping of the transmission project, in relation to future phases,
- BC Hydro's compliance with the Province's obligation to consult, and if necessary accommodate, First Nations whose aboriginal rights and title may be adversely affected by the transmission project,
- local environmental, social and economic impacts of the transmission project, particularly as they may affect project costs and completion risk,
- public consultation and engagement regarding the transmission project, and
- other issues that may arise.

SCBC expects to be fully involved in this Commission proceeding. SCBC intends to participate jointly with the British Columbia Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA) in this proceeding. However, SCBC and BCSEA reserve the right to express different views in final argument.

Copies of correspondence and other filings should be provided to:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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