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Ms. Alanna Gillis
Acting Commission Secretary
British Columbia Utilities Commission
Sixth Floor – 900 Howe Street
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Dear Ms. Gillis:

RE: Project No. 3698640
British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC)
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN)
for the Dawson Creek/Chetwynd Area Transmission Project
Information Request (IR) Round No. 2

Further to BC Hydro's submission of October 27, 2011, BC Hydro encloses the following:

Exhibit B-14-2	Response to BCUC IR 2.29.2
Exhibit B-14-3	Response to BCUC IR 2.29.2 (including Confidential Attachments 1 to 5*).
Exhibit B-15-1	Public Response to West Moberly First Nation (**WMFN**)
Exhibit B-16	Confidential Response to WMFN Confidential Request.

*BC Hydro will provide BCUC IR 2.29.2, Attachment 5 to WMFN

Pursuant to Exhibit A-17, BC Hydro will file its responses to BCUC Confidential IR No. 2 by no later than Thursday, November 3, 2011.

For further information, please contact Geoff Higgins at 604-623-4121 or by e-mail at bchydroregulatorygroup@bchydro.com.

Yours sincerely,

(for)Janet Fraser
Chief Regulatory Officer

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Copy to: BCUC Project No. 3698640 (DCAT) Registered Intervener Distribution List.

29.0 Reference: First Nations Consultation
Exhibit B-5, BCUC 1.7.3, p. 2
Impacts to Aboriginal Rights and Traditional Uses

"To date, neither MLIB nor BC Hydro have identified any MLIB Aboriginal or treaty rights or traditional uses in the Project area."

2.29.2 Please file all substantive communications (letters, emails, etc.) from the McLeod Lake First Nation, Saulteau First Nation, West Moberly First Nation, Blueberry River First Nation, and Treaty 8 Tribal Association to BC Hydro that were sent between spring 2010 and the present.

RESPONSE:

BC Hydro understands "substantive communications" to be communications that contain actual information that is relevant to an aspect of the consultation process on the DCAT Project. In deciding whether a communication is substantive and relevant, BC Hydro has had regard to the issues listed in section 3 - *Consultation Process* of the BCUC's First Nations Information Filing Guidelines for Crown Utilities.

Given the statement made in the preamble to this Information Request, BC Hydro understands why the BCUC has only requested substantive communications from McLeod Lake Indian Band, Saulteau First Nation, West Moberly First Nation, Blueberry River First Nation, and Treaty 8 Tribal Association (collectively, the "First Nations") to BC Hydro. However, it is BC Hydro's view that a true appreciation and understanding of the requested documents is not possible unless they are viewed within the full context in which they were made and not in isolation. For instance, many of the letters from First Nations were in response to letters from BC Hydro. To fully understand the issues and dialogue between the parties, communications from both must be considered. As such, BC Hydro has also attached all substantive communications initiated by BC Hydro in respect of each First Nation. While BC Hydro has adopted a broad interpretation of "substantive communications" and has included communications originating from both the First Nations and BC Hydro, it has not included communications forming part of the consultation process, which are included as all Attachments 1 to 5 filed confidentially with BCUC. Where the substantive communication is already part of the record, BC Hydro has provided the appropriate reference. BC Hydro has redacted from these documents information that is not relevant to the DCAT Project.