BC Hydro
Revenue Requirements Application
F2012-F2014

Comments on the
NSP Process and Intervener Evidence Scheduling

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Attention:
Ms. Alanna Gillis
Acting Commission Secretary
British Columbia Utilities Commission
6th Floor, 900 Howe Street
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Dear Ms. Gillis,

RE: BC Hydro F2012-F2014 Revenue Requirements Application

We are responding to BCUC Exhibit A-30, dated March 14, 2012.

We are in support of a NSP process and support the Commission staff's role as either an Advisor or Active Participant.

We also note that in Exhibit A-30 in response to our request, the Commission stated that it "*encourages Interveners to address in their submissions the timetable for the filing and review of Intervener evidence.*"

With BCUC granting BC Hydro's extension for the IR#2 response deadline to April 5, 2012, as the schedule exists presently, this provides only 5 days for Interveners to file their evidence (April 10). We submit that this is not sufficient time for the Interveners to file evidence.

Our letter on March 9, 2012 (C16-7) requested an April 26 deadline for Intervener Evidence, and we stand by that date as reasonable should the NSP not move forward.

However, in the spirit of attempting to help efficiency of the system should an April 30 NSP proceed, we suggest that the date for Intervener evidence be scheduled for April

20. This would give NSP participants 10 days to review the Intevener submissions. We submit that there this not enough time for a complete IR and response cycle before the NSP. In addition, we suggest that an IR stage without a corresponding response stage is not helpful. Therefore, if the NSP proceeds we suggest that the IR process for the Intervener evidence will have to wait until after the NSP process.

Yours truly,
Ludo Bertsch, P.Eng,
On behalf of ESVI