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Kaslo

Wednesday, October 9th

Attention: Ms. Erica Hamilton  
Commission Secretary  
British Columbia Utilities Commission  
Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street  
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

Dear Ms Hamilton

Please be advised that I wish to make a late application for intervener status on this application. I was not aware that BC Hydro had made application to the Commission until approximately 6.00 PM Wednesday October 23rd and have only just completed a full investigation of the information provided to me by BC Hydro this morning.

Area D in the Regional District Central Kootenay straddles both the FortisBC and BC Hydro service areas, and since I am already involved in the FortisBC smart meter opt out application I would very much like to represent the 1,500 permanent residents of Area D in matters related to the BC Hydro application before the Commission as well.

Further on Tuesday October 22nd I was cc'd on an email to BC Hydro from the Community of Johnson's Landing and I wish to represent this community that is within Electoral Area D, of the RDCK, before the Commission

Respectfully submitted  
Andy Shadrack  
Director Area D  
RDCK

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Appendix A

BC Hydro - Meter Choices  
ATT: Greg Reimer,  
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Mr. Greg Reimer,

It is our understanding that BC Hydro is considering written proposals regarding options to meter reading, with submissions due by Oct 24th.

The following is a proposal for this purpose from residents of the community of Johnsons Landing, BC, sent via email and Canada Post on Tuesday, Oct 22, 2013.

Thank you very much for this opportunity.

Sincerely,  
Bob Yetter,

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A proposal from community members of Johnsons Landing BC for the BC Hydro Meter Choices Program

October 22, 2013

The remote community of Johnsons Landing is located on the northern end of Kootenay Lake, an hour's drive north of the nearest town of Kaslo, and at the end of a 22 kilometer gravel road. There are approximately 17 full-time resident households in Johnsons Landing. The number of these that have smart meters installed is quite small (4 or 5 households). Given the remote proximity of the community, as well as the extraordinary costs involved with installing the necessary smart meter relay infrastructure to serve only these few meters, it seems worthwhile to consider a mutually agreeable solution to the problem of meter reading.

At present, there seems to be no meter readers operating in the Johnsons Landing area, and power usage is being estimated based on previous use. It also appears clear that there is as of yet no infrastructure in place to read the few smart meters that have been installed in this community, and they still have to be read manually as do the analogue meters.

Given that a significant number of households in Johnsons Landing have refrained from having smart meters installed, and that smart meter capable infrastructure has yet to be installed here, we would like to offer a proposal for BC Hydro meter reading in our community.

In the past, with severe winter weather conditions, or with certain residences which become inaccessible due to winter road conditions, people have been allowed (even requested by BC Hydro) to report their

own meter readings. Upon that precedent, and considering the above outlined limitations, as well as our isolated location, we would like to propose the following power usage reporting program for ourselves:

That each permanent resident, either monthly or bi-monthly, send in their meter reading data via phone, mail, or email, either as the written number, or as a digital photograph of the meter itself, or through a form provided by BC Hydro for this purpose, along with their name, address and account number. These readings can then be verified with an occasional meter reading by BC Hydro personnel, perhaps on an annual or semi-annual basis.

Power usage data from part-time residents can be submitted by the same means when they are here, or by proxy if necessary in prolonged absences, and likewise be verified with an occasional meter reading by BC Hydro personnel as described above.

This proposal to provide power usage data to BC Hydro would in no way infringe on, change, or replace, the current basic contract each customer has with BC Hydro to supply 120/240 Volt, 60 Cycle electricity.

The above proposed method of obtaining power usage data in Johnsons Landing would negate the need for additional monthly charges for meter reading, and could result in a significant overall cost savings to BC Hydro. These savings would easily cover the costs of the occasional meter readings to verify the volunteer submissions.

In contrast, to charge people additional fees for declining to utilize a system which, in our case, does not even actually exist, is quite unfair.

Thank you for giving consideration to our proposal in this unique situation.

This proposal is endorsed by the 29 undersigned members of the community of Johnsons Landing, constituting 87% of the full-time resident households, and representing 19 meters:

Bob Yetter  
Susan VanRooy  
Gerry Rogers  
Linda Godbe  
Loran Godbe  
Susan Grimble  
Richard Taylor  
Osa Thatcher  
Paul Hunter  
Roland Proctor  
Susan Archibald  
Lew McMillan  
Patrick Steiner  
Colleen O'Brian  
Kurt Boyer  
John Kingsmill  
Angele Ortega  
Richard Ortega  
Harvey Armstrong  
Kate O'Keefe  
Nick Fuss  
Lindsey Snyder

Eric Schindler  
Sailan Schindler  
Brent McDonald  
Vandi Foreman  
Betty Didcoct

Roger Atkins  
Carol Carrigan

(Note: All but two full-time resident households endorsed this proposal, as have some of the part-time residents. The remaining part-time residents contacted have not responded either way.)

cc:

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