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British Columbia Utilities Commission
6th Floor – 900 Howe Street
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Attention: Erica Hamilton, Commission Secretary

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: BC Hydro 2015 Rate Design Application (RDA)
Association of Major Power Customers (AMPC) Reply Submissions re
Appendix B of Order G-156-15**

We are legal counsel to AMPC in this matter. We write on AMPC's behalf in response to the submissions provided by parties on Appendix B of the Commission's Order G-156-15, in accordance with the Commission's amended timetable dated October 14, 2015.

AMPC notes that there is broad support, either explicit or implicit, amongst the parties for the Commission's third issue regarding an expedited process for the freshet rate pilot, the pricing principles for RS1823, and the other existing Transmission Service rates (Third Issue). AMPC submits that this broad supports indicates the appropriateness of the proposed timetable, and that the Commission should accordingly approve the proposed expedited process for the Third Issue.

Submissions from the Canadian Office and Professionals Employees Union, Local 378¹ (COPE) and the group of parties collectively referred to as BCOAPO² inappropriately attempt to tie the granting of an expedited process for the Third Issue to the granting of their request for an expedited process in relation to the Minimum Reconnection Charge (MRC). There is no connection between the two issues, and if an expedited process for the third issue matters is appropriate, as COPE and BCOAPO suggest, it remains so independent of whether an expedited process is appropriate for the MRC issue.

AMPC is not opposed to an expedited process for the MRC, but it must be applied for and judged on its own merits, not artificially linked to the Third Issue. As noted in

¹ Exhibit C4-2, p. 2.

² Exhibit C2-2, p. 3.

AMPC's letter dated October 14, 2015,³ AMPC supports accelerated processes where timely approval can provide material benefits and the process remains procedurally fair. COPE and BCOAPO have indicated a potential benefit to their constituents from an accelerated determination of the MRC issue, and AMPC is not prejudiced by any accelerated process for approval of the MRC.

Please contact the writer if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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per: Matthew D. Keen

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³ Exhibit C12-2, p. 2.