

COASTAL FIRST NATIONS

GREAT BEAR INITIATIVE



BC HYDRO RATE DESIGN 2015

EXHIBIT C37-1

British Columbia Utilities Commission

Dear Commission

Re: Great Bear Initiative Coastal First Nations Intervener in BC Hydro 2015 Rate Design Application

Thank you very much for this opportunity to participate as an Intervener in the BC Hydro 2015 Rate Design Application. Great Bear is representing Zone 2 and Zone 1B communities in the Great Bear Rainforest who would be affected by changes in rates. These communities include the Gitga'at in Hartley Bay, the Heiltsuk in Bella Bella, the Nuxalk in Bella Coola, and the Haida Nations. At this time, we are interested in learning more about the RIB Rate, as any changes to the RIB Rate could be applied in the Non-Integrated Areas in Module 2.. Details of particular interest to us include the step rate thresholds, as well as rates per kw used.

I look forward to receiving information on the process and participating as an Intervener to ensure affordability of electricity in coastal first nations communities.

Best,

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