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Ms. Erica Hamilton
Commission Secretary
British Columbia Utilities Commission
Sixth Floor – 900 Howe Street
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Dear Ms. Hamilton:

**RE: British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
2015 Rate Design Application (2015 RDA)**

BC Hydro writes seeking an amendment to the regulatory timetable established for the review of BC Hydro's 2015 RDA by BCUC Order No. G-156-15 (Exhibit A-2) as amended by Order No. G-156-15A (Exhibit A-6).

Exhibit A-6 established a procedural conference for the 2015 RDA to be held on the afternoon of January 12, 2016. BCUC Order No. G-175-15 (Exhibit A-4) established a written review process for the proposed 100 per cent Part 1 pricing for Medium General Service (**MGS**) and Large General Service (**LGS**) customers as well as a streamlined review process (**SRP**) on January 19-20, 2016 for the freshet rate pilot and review of the pricing principles for existing Transmission Service rates excluding Rate Schedule (**RS**) 1823.

Due to a medical issue, BC Hydro's legal counsel is not available for the January 12, 2016 procedural conference. As such, BC Hydro proposes the following:

- Continuation of the regulatory process established by Exhibit A-4 for the proposed 100 per cent pricing for MGS and LGS customers;
- Adjourn the January 12, 2016 procedural conference until January 19, 2016; and
- Move the January 19, 2016 SRP for the proposed freshet rate pilot to the afternoon of January 25, 2016. The SRP would be confined to the proposed freshet rate pilot.

With respect to existing Transmission Service rates RS 1853, RS 1852 and RS 1827, as well as RS 1253, BC Hydro believes that review of these rates should proceed to written argument. BC Hydro will propose timing for this written argument process at the January 19, 2016 procedural conference. The pricing elements of these rate schedules are not linked to the RS 1823 Tier 2 rate, and there were a limited number of information requests (**IRs**) on these rate schedules. BC Hydro proposes that review of the pricing principles for RS 1823 proceed to a second round of IRs. Given that the pricing

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elements of RS 1825 and RS 1880 are linked to the RS 1823 Tier 2 rate, these rate schedules should also be the subject of the second round of IRs.

BC Hydro has canvassed the majority of interveners regarding the proposed timing and understands that there is no opposition.

For further information, please contact Gordon Doyle at 604-623-3815 or by email at bchydroregulatorygroup@bchydro.com.

Yours sincerely,

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