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**VIA EMAIL**

Erica Hamilton  
Commission Secretary  
BC Utilities Commission  
6th Floor 900 Howe Street  
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

**Re: BC Hydro and Power Authority 2015 Rate Design Application  
BCOAPO response to request for comments in BCUC letter dated January  
8, 2016**

We write on behalf of BCOAPO further to the BC Utilities Commission's letter dated January 8, 2016 (Exhibit A-9 in this proceeding), in which the Commission seeks submissions on the following two issues:

1. Whether Ms. Noble's requests on behalf of herself and others are appropriate and relevant to the 2015 Rate Design Application proceeding; and
2. If yes, should the Commission allow Ms. Noble's late intervention to address her stated issues?

Bill Andrews in his letter of today's date on behalf of BCSEA-SCBC does an excellent job of outlining the background to this request, setting out the interests of BCSEA-SCBC, and providing submissions. With respect to the Commission's request in Exhibit A-9, the interests of BCOAPO are aligned with those of BCSEA-SCBC.

We agree with and adopt BCSEA-SCBC's submissions regarding the Commission's questions. Commission Order G-175-15 found that issues related to Meter Choices Program charges are not in scope in this proceeding, as they were recently reviewed and were the subject of a recent Commission decision (April 2014 Meter Choices Program Decision). BCOAPO agrees that issues relating to the Meter Choices Program charges should not be revisited in the RDA.

Ms. Noble should be permitted to intervene with respect to the \$700 charge for reconnection where the customer has refused access to the meter. We agree that it would be inappropriate for Ms. Noble to intervene on behalf of other individuals. Further, the Commission should allow people to apply to intervene to address the proposed Electrical Tariff amendments within the RDA proceeding. A reasonable deadline for intervention applications should be set out, one that allows for people to intervene without unduly elongating this proceeding.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,  
**BC Public Interest Advocacy Centre**

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