



VIA EMAIL

February 11, 2016

**BC HYDRO  
2015 RATE DESIGN**

**EXHIBIT A-18**

To: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
Registered Interveners

Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
Project No. 3698781/G-156-15  
2015 Rate Design Application Module 1  
Negotiated Settlement Process for Cost of Service Study and Rate Class Segmentation

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On February 1, 2016, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order G-12-16 and directed that the issues related to the cost of service study (COSS) and rate class segmentation, in particular British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's (BC Hydro) street lighting rate class proposal, will proceed to a negotiated settlement process (NSP) scheduled for March 7 and 8, 2016.

The Commission seeks submissions on the following:

- 1) Confirmation from the parties who intend to participate in the settlement discussions (time and place indicated in Attachment A);
- 2) Submissions from registered interveners on BC Hydro's submission in its letter dated January 21, 2016.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, BC Hydro states that those Commission staff identified by the Chair at the commencement of the procedural conference should be established by the Panel as Active Participants for any F2016 COS NSP in accordance with Part IV, section 1(iv) (a) of the NSP Guidelines;
- 3) Comments on the specific issues related to the COSS and rate class segmentation including the street lighting rate class proposal that parties wish to have addressed in the NSP.

In accordance with the Commission's guidelines on NSP,<sup>2</sup> the Commission Panel requests comments from all parties on the recommendation by the Commission Panel that the Facilitator of the NSP be Ms. Liisa O'Hara (Ms. O'Hara's Biography is included as Attachment B to this letter).

Please provide your comments, if any, to the Commission on or before February 16, 2016.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by:*

Erica Hamilton  
EC/cms  
Attachments

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit B-10

<sup>2</sup> [Negotiated Settlement Process – Policy, Procedures and Guidelines, February 2012](#)

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
2015 Rate Design Application

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**Negotiation Settlement Process:**

2016 Cost of Service Study (including rate class segmentation, in particular BC Hydro's street lighting rate class proposal)

**Date:** March 7 – 8, 2016

**Time:** Commencing 9:30 a.m.

**Venue:** Commission Hearing Room, 1125 Howe Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Vancouver, BC

**BIOGRAPHY**

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**LIISA O'HARA, MBA, CPA**

Corporate Director,  
Former Commissioner, British Columbia Utilities Commission



Liisa's key strengths include infrastructure and transportation expertise, interpretation and implementation of government policy as well as balancing the interests of multiple stakeholders. Her three careers extended from the airline industry, via pipeline business to a role as Commissioner overseeing electric and gas transmission and distribution utilities.

For ten years Liisa served as a Commissioner to the British Columbia Utilities Commission. In this capacity she acted as a member of panels appointed to adjudicate applications put forward by utilities regarding matters such as new facilities, capital plans, revenue requirements, and rate structures. While specializing in energy matters, she discovered interest and expertise in development of green energy and other alternative energy solutions.

In November 2005, she graduated from the ICD Corporate Governance College, demonstrating her commitment to excellence as a corporate director.

During her corporate career spanning some thirty years, after departing the airline industry, Liisa was a senior oil pipeline executive with finance, corporate and regulatory responsibilities. Her regulatory expertise is multi-jurisdictional including the Canadian federal (National Energy Board), provincial (British Columbia Utilities Commission, Alberta Utilities Board) and the U.S. federal (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) jurisdictions.

Following formal education in Finland, Liisa undertook her Master of Science in Business Administration at the University of British Columbia and also became a Certified General Accountant [Certified Professional Accountant]. She has affiliations with a number of organizations, including Encorp Pacific Inc. (Director; Audit Committee Chair); West Vancouver Community Foundation (Director, HR Committee Chair) the Terminal City Club (Past Chair, Director); the Faculty Advisory Board for Sauder School of Business (past member from 1995 to 2002 and Executive-In-Residence from 2004 to 2008). Encorp Pacific is a federally incorporated, industry managed Stewardship Corporation with beverage container recycling management in British Columbia as its core business.