



Ministry of
Energy and Mines

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

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

RE: Project No. 3698781, 2016 Cost of Service Study Negotiated Settlement Process.

I am writing on behalf of the Ministry of Energy and Mines (Ministry) in response to the Commission Panel's requests included in Exhibit A-18 dated February 11, 2016. I apologize for the delay responding.

1. Confirmation from the parties who intend to participate in the settlement discussions;

The Ministry would like to send staff as observers but does not intend to actively participate in settlement discussions.

2. Submissions from registered interveners on BC Hydro's submission in its letter dated January 21, 2016;

The Ministry has no submissions to make on this issue.

3. Comments on the specific issues related to the Cost of Service Study and rate class segmentation including the street lighting rate class proposal that parties wish to have addressed in the NSP.

The Ministry does not have any comments on the Cost of Service Study.

The Ministry does not have any comments on the Commission Panel's recommendation of Liisa O'Hara as the facilitator, other than to note the broad support among participants.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (250) 953-4635 or jack.buchanan@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

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