

March 31, 2016

**VIA EMAIL**

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Our file: 7615

Dear Ms. Ross:

**Re: BC Hydro 2015 Rate Design Application  
Request for extension of time to file intervenor evidence**

In a letter dated March 24, 2016 (Exhibit B-21), BC Hydro has requested that the oral hearing in this proceeding be postponed from July until mid-August, 2016. The reason for the request is that BC Hydro does not expect to file its F2017-F2019 Revenue Requirements Application until the end of July, 2016, and postponing the RDA hearing until the middle of August would allow parties to the RDA to have a better understanding of contextual issues that will be included in the RRA such as rate forecasts beyond F2019, the updated load resource balance and demand side management programs.

The RDA regulatory timetable was set by BCUC Order G-12-16, and stated that the oral hearing would take place in July. We have advised the Commission and BC Hydro that it makes sense from our perspective to move the oral hearing to the middle of August so that parties to the RDA have the opportunity to review BC Hydro's RRA prior to the RDA oral hearing.

We request that if the oral hearing is moved to mid-August, that the remaining deadlines in the regulatory timetable for the RDA, including the deadline for submitting intervenor evidence, be moved back by two or three weeks. This will enable us to prepare our evidence without being unnecessarily rushed.

Thank you very much for considering this request.

**BC Public Interest Advocacy Centre**

Sarah Khan

- c. Tom Loski, Chief Regulatory Officer, BC Hydro  
Registered participants