



April 20, 2016

**BC HYDRO**  
**2015 RATE DESIGN**

**EXHIBIT A-28**

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

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The British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) is seeking submissions on the review process for the Residential E-Plus rate design (Rate Schedule 1105) in the 2015 Rate Design Application (RDA) proceeding.

### Background

On February 1, 2016, the Commission issued Order G-12-16 establishing the regulatory review processes and a regulatory timetable following the procedural conference held on January 19, 2016. The Commission did not accept British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's (BC Hydro) proposed dates for written arguments for the E-Plus rate design and considered the process to be a matter to be determined at a later date. On page 11 of 13 in the Reasons for Decision, the Commission states the following:

At this time there remains unanswered IRs on the residential E-Plus program. Further determination on the review of the Residential E-Plus program will be made following the receipt of those IR responses on February 12, 2016.

To date, BC Hydro has responded to the outstanding Information Requests (IRs) on February 12, 2016 (Exhibit B-17) and the second round of IRs on April 12, 2016 (Exhibit B-23).

### Submissions sought

The Commission seeks written submissions from BC Hydro and interveners on the process for the review of the Residential E-Plus rate design. Parties should provide comments on whether:

- a) the review of the Residential E-Plus rate design should proceed by way of an oral hearing, along with all matters that are not explicitly exempt by directives No. 1 and No. 2 of Order G-12-16, and in accordance to the schedule in the amended Regulatory Timetable that is attached as Appendix A to Order G-50-16; or
- b) the review of the Residential E-Plus rate design should proceed either:
  - (i) directly to written argument:<sup>1</sup> that is, BC Hydro is not expected to tender witness(es) to address this topic at the oral hearing; or

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<sup>1</sup> The written argument on the E-Plus rate schedule will be in accordance with the timetable for Final Argument in the main hearing. At this time, those dates in the amended Regulatory Timetable are TBD (to be determined).

- (ii) to a written argument with the E-Plus Homeowners Group filing intervener evidence in accordance to the evidence and IRs filing dates in the amended Regulatory Timetable that is attached as Appendix A to Order G-50-16.

**Submissions schedule**

Written submissions from all parties should be made in writing to the Commission on or before Tuesday, April 26, 2016, and parties may reply to each other's submissions on or before Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

Yours truly,

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