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April 22, 2016

British Columbia Utilities Commission
6th Floor - 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC
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Attention: Ms. Laurel Ross, Acting Commission Secretary

Dear Madam:

**Re: BC Hydro 2015 Rate Design Application (Project No. 3698781/G-156-15)
Zone II Ratepayers Group
Request for Submission on Review Process for Residential E-Plus Rate
Design (Rate Schedule 1105)**

The following are the comments of the of the Zone II Ratepayers Group (ZonellIRPG) in response to the Commission's April 20, 2016 letter (Exhibit A-28) on the process for the review of the Residential E-Plus rate design (Rate Schedule 1105).

If the E-Plus Homeowners Group (EPHG) does not intend to file evidence and testify to that evidence, it would be appropriate to proceed directly to written argument based on the evidence currently on the record. The Commission notes that BC Hydro does not intend to tender witnesses to address the E-Plus rates.

If the EPHG does intend to file evidence, that evidence should be subject to information requests (IR) and if necessary to cross-examination in an oral proceeding. Until there is filed evidence and responses to IR, a decision as to whether to move directly to written argument cannot be made.

The ZonellIRPG therefore submits that:

1. The EPHG must first make their intentions known with respect to filing evidence and presenting witnesses.

2. If the EPHG does not intend to file evidence, the review can move directly to written argument as there will be no additional evidence.
3. If the EPHG does intend to file evidence, the evidence and IR responses are required before determining whether to proceed directly to written argument or whether to deal with the E-Plus rates in the oral hearing.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Dong".

Linda Dong
Representing Zone II Ratepayers Group