

REQUESTOR NAME: BCOAPO
INFORMATION REQUEST ROUND NO: #1
TO: E-PLUS HOMEOWNERS GROUP
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PROJECT NO: 3698781
APPLICATION NAME: 2015 RATE DESIGN APPLICATION

1.0 Reference: EPHG Evidence, pages 2-3

Preamble: At pages 2-3 the evidence states: “In fact the changes are intended to change the fundamental understandings on which E-Plus was originally based, and to considerably increase the potential for curtailments by removing key protections that were intended to ensure fairness, and reduce hardship, in their implementation. Most importantly the proposed Business Practice ignores prior commitments that:

- Residential E-Plus customers will have priority over other non-firm power customers
- 30 days notice will be given for interruptions of more than a few hours duration.

- 1.1 Are the two issues noted at pages 2-3 the only changes set out in BC Hydro’s proposal that the EPHG takes issue with?
- 1.2 If there are additional aspects of the proposal that the EPHG takes issue with, what are they and why?

2.0 Reference: EPHG Evidence, pages 7 and 17

Preamble: At page 7 the evidence states: “In the case of short term interruptions of a few hours the required conditions to interrupt are not onerous since no advance notice to customers is specified”.

At page 17 the evidence states: “EPHG suggest a reasonable definition of ‘short term interruptions’ would be those of 3 hours or less.”

- 2.1 Would EPHG be willing to consider a definition for a short term interruption period of more than 3 hours, e.g. 4 hours or 8 hours?
- 2.2 Would a four hour daily interruption for six consecutive days be considered “onerous”?

3.0 Reference: EPHG Evidence, page 14

Preamble: At page 14 the evidence states: “EPHG has made considerable input to BC Hydro on these four points and BC Hydro has rejected all of that input, without exception”.

- 3.1 What is EPHG’s understanding as to why BC Hydro rejected each of the four points? If there is any correspondence from BC Hydro addressing these points, please provide.