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Ms. Laurel Ross Acting Commission Secretary
British Columbia Utilities Commission
6th Floor 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

Dear Madam:

**RE: BC Hydro and Power Authority
2015 Rate Design Application
Project No. 3698781
Non-Integrated Areas Ratepayers Group
Submissions re: Review Process for Commercial Energy Consumers
Proposal for a Non-firm Interruptible Rate Pilot for Medium and
Large General Service Customers**

We are writing on behalf of our clients, the Heiltsuk Tribal Council, Shearwater Marine Limited and the Gitga'at First Nation, collectively intervening as the Non-Integrated Areas Ratepayers Group ("NIARG"), further to the Commission's July 11, 2016 letter (Exhibit A-35) seeking parties' submissions regarding a review process for the Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia's ("CEC") proposal to establish a non-firm interruptible rate pilot for Medium and Large General Service customers (Exhibit C1-10).

NIARG's letter dated July 8, 2016 (Exhibit C22-7) identified specific concerns regarding the potential review process for CEC's proposed non-firm interruptible rate pilot ("Pilot").

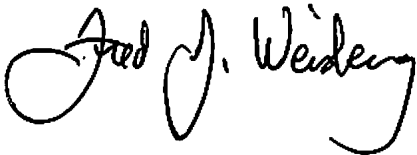
NIARG remains concerned that there is insufficient time available for the "Stakeholder Consultation on Pilot" that CEC contemplated could take place July 15 – August 16, 2016. With submissions regarding the review process due today (July 18) it seems

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unlikely that the Commission will be in a position to establish a review process timetable for another few days – leaving a period of only about three weeks available for Stakeholder Consultation prior to the beginning of the oral hearing. NIARG is not aware of any specific details or proposed scheduling of the contemplated Stakeholder Consultation, so the number/venue(s)/substance etc. of meetings remains unknown. In light of the summer vacation months and necessary preparation for the 2015 RDA oral hearing commencing August 16, 2016, and with no lead time preceding the already-abbreviated Stakeholder Consultation period, it is uncertain that Interveners would have reasonable opportunities to participate.

NIARG is not opposed to the suggestions by BCSEA-SCBC and AMPC that CEC's witnesses would be available in the oral hearing for cross-examination regarding their Pilot-related evidence. However, the Commission's disposition of the Pilot issue should not take place until after completion of a Stakeholder Consultation (preceded by an adequate notice period) and review in RDA Module 2.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred J. Weisberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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