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**BC HYDRO F2017–F2019
REVENUE REQUIREMENTS EXHIBIT A-6**

Mr. Tom Loski
Chief Regulatory Officer
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16th Floor – 333 Dunsmuir Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 5R3

Dear Mr. Loski:

Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
F2017 to F2019 Revenue Requirements Application

Commission Order G-130-16A established a Procedural Conference to take place on September 1, 2016, commencing at 9:00 am in the Commission Hearing Room, Twelfth Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC.

The purpose of the Procedural Conference is to hear from the applicant and registered interveners so that the Panel can determine the appropriate regulatory process to review the F2017 to 2019 Revenue Requirements Application (RRA).

The Panel requests that participants address the following matters at the Procedural Conference:

1. In consideration of the regulatory framework applicable to the RRA as set out in section 3.2 of the Application, what are the limitations on the scope of the Commission's review, including consideration of the following matters:
 - (i) Heritage and non-heritage energy forecast;
 - (ii) Independent power purchase agreements and other long-term energy purchase contracts;
 - (iii) Load and revenue forecast;
 - (iv) Updated load resource balance and the long run marginal cost as set out in section 3.4 of the Application;
 - (v) Level of net debt and the costs of debt as set out in Appendix A, schedule 8 of the Application;
 - (vi) Site C expenditures;
 - (vii) Smart Metering and Infrastructure Program matters;
 - (viii) Return on equity;
 - (ix) Meters Choices Program;
 - (x) Thermal-mechanical Pulping Program;

- (xi) The size of the demand side management spending envelop; and
 - (xii) Any other matters impacting scope.
2. Given the Commission's current proceeding for the BC Hydro Regulatory Oversight of Capital Expenditures and Projects, how should the review of capital expenditures and additions proceed in this RRA?
 3. Whether there are any matters, such as DSM, which would be better carved out of the RRA and reviewed as separate processes.
 4. Whether it is your intention to file intervener evidence and if so, relating to what specific matters.
 5. Whether the review of the RRA should proceed by a written or oral public hearing, or some other process.
 6. Steps and timetable associated with the recommended regulatory review process including submissions on the tentative dates set out for Information Request No. 1 in the Regulatory Timetable attached to Order G-130-16A. If proposing an oral public hearing, what specific matter should be addressed through that process?
 7. Any other matter that will assist the Commission to efficiently review the RRA.

If BC Hydro finds it more efficient to provide its submissions in writing prior to the Procedural Conference, it is invited to do so before Monday, August 29, 2016.

Participants are requested to inform the Commission Secretary, at Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com to confirm their attendance at the Procedural Conference by August 30, 2016.

Any interveners wishing to participate without attending the Vancouver location can do so via Telephone Conference using the call-in information below. Intervenors who wish to participate by Telephone Conference should notify Hal Bemister at Allwest Reporting (604-683-4774) prior to the Procedural Conference.

After the Procedural Conference, the Commission will issue a further procedural order and regulatory timetable for the review of the RRA. If you have any questions, please contact me directly, or you can reach lead staff, Claudia McMahon at (604) 660-4730, for more information.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

Laurel Ross

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