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Mr. Patrick Wruck
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British Columbia Utilities Commission
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
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Dear Mr. Wruck:

RE: Project No. 1598939
British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)
FortisBC Inc. 2017 Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design Application
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
Submission on Procedural Conference Items

BC Hydro writes in response to the Commission's letter of February 26, 2018 (Exhibit A-3), requesting input to the procedural conference for FortisBC Inc.'s 2017 Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design Application. As we will not be attending the Procedural Conference either in person or by phone, we are submitting our responses to the questions posed in the Commission's letter below.

1. Whether the Cost of Service Allocation (**COSA**) study should be addressed in advance of other topics in the Application, with the Panel issuing a decision on the COSA study in advance of other topics.

BC Hydro does not have a view as to whether the COSA study should be addressed in advance of other topics on the Application.

2. Whether any topics other than the COSA study should be addressed through an expedited process, with the Panel issuing a decision in advance of other topics. Please identify these topics and the recommended process.

BC Hydro has not identified any other topics that should be addressed through an expedited process.

3. Whether there is a need for an oral hearing on any topics and why.

BC Hydro is unable to address the need for an oral hearing until it is clear that there are issues on which participants do not agree and it is also clear that sufficient information cannot be obtained through a written process.

4. For any topics in the Application not addressed by questions 1 through 3 above, whether a written hearing process, as proposed by FBC, is appropriate. If not, please explain why and identify the recommended process.

BC Hydro is unable to address the need for an oral hearing on additional topics, until it is clear that there are issues on which participants do not agree and it is also clear that sufficient information cannot be obtained through a written process.

5. Whether any interveners intend to file intervener evidence and the nature of that evidence.

BC Hydro may file evidence related to FortisBC Inc.'s proposals.

6. Any significant time constraints and/or periods of unavailability which should be taken into consideration when establishing the regulatory timetable.

None identified.

7. Any other relevant procedural matters that the participants want to bring to the attention of the Panel.

None identified.

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Yours sincerely,



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