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British Columbia Utilities Commission
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC
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Attn: Mr. Patrick Wruck, Commission Secretary

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: Support for Atlantic Power Williams Lake
BC Hydro Electricity Purchase Agreement Extension Application

The City of Williams Lake is writing to express vigorous support for the extension of the agreement between Atlantic Power Williams Lake (APWL) and BC Hydro to September 30, 2019, and beyond.

We understand that both parties are in discussions to extend the EPA for an additional ten years. The City of Williams Lake's position is that the plant provides a very valuable service to our community by using our important forest fibre to its fullest capacity. The environmental stewardship that comes with assuring our community that we are making good use of our waste fibre instills pride, and helps us balance the competing goals of resources operations and the environment.

The uncertainty of an agreement with BC Hydro is impacting our ability to move innovative projects in our city forward. We have recently cancelled a study on utilizing the heat and hot water generated from the plant for agricultural purposes. With the ongoing uncertainty of operations, our vision of greenhouse development and contributing to northern food security is on hold. This in turn impacts our ability to leverage partnerships with Thompson Rivers University for creating research projects on northern climate growing. This has also stalled our work with the Williams Lake Food Policy Council and other similar groups who are actively looking for ways to use our forest fibre. The City of Williams Lake is left to deal with dissatisfaction from our community members due to lack of forward motion on these projects.

It is our view that a ten-year commitment must be reached in order for the City of Williams Lake to create a confident investment environment for the industrial lands around the power plant. The ongoing uncertainty is negatively impacting our community in numerous other ways, and we urge the Provincial government and BC Hydro to take decisive and swift action to rectify this unsettling limbo that we have been living with for far too long.



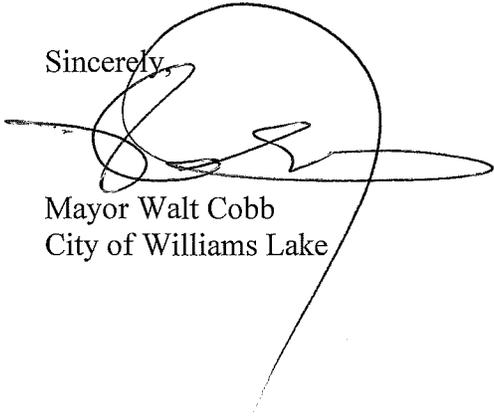
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The ongoing operation of Atlantic Power is essential to the ongoing economic viability of our region. We look forward to hearing the BC Utilities Corporation's acceptance of this short-term extension, and continued commitment to rectifying this unstable situation with a long-term contract.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walt Cobb', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'. The signature is stylized and includes a large, sweeping flourish that extends downwards and to the right.

Mayor Walt Cobb
City of Williams Lake