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<b>BC HYDRO F2020–F2021 REVENUE REQUIREMENTS EXHIBIT A-3</b>
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**Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority – F2020 to F2021 Revenue Requirements Application – Project No. 1598990 – Panel Information Request No. 1**

Dear Mr. James:

The British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) writes in response to the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's (BC Hydro) February 26, 2019 letter to the BCUC requesting that certain information filed in Appendices I, J, K and Y to the BC Hydro Fiscal 2020 to Fiscal 2021 Revenue Requirements Application (Application) be held confidential in accordance with Part IV of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure. BC Hydro submits that the redacted information is commercially sensitive.<sup>1</sup>

By Order G-45-19 on March 1, 2019, the Panel granted BC Hydro's request to hold certain information in Appendices I, J, K and Y in the Application as confidential on an interim basis pending further review. To assist the Panel in its review, further information is required. In this regard, the Panel requests BC Hydro to provide its responses to the Panel Information Request No. 1 attached to this letter by Thursday, April 4, 2019.

In addition to the above, the Panel notes that Appendix BB to the Application contains information that has been redacted; however a full un-redacted version has not been filed with the BCUC in this proceeding. As such, if BC Hydro is requesting certain information in Appendix BB to the Application be held confidential, then the Panel requests that BC Hydro make that request in accordance with Part IV of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure as attached to Order G-15-19<sup>2</sup> by Thursday, April 4, 2019. If BC Hydro is not requesting certain information in Appendix BB to the Application be held confidential, then the Panel requests that BC Hydro file with the BCUC a full un-redacted version of Appendix BB to the Application as a public document by Thursday, April 4, 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit B-1-1.

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Participant-Info/G-15-19\\_BCUC\\_Rules\\_of\\_Practice\\_and\\_Procedure.pdf](https://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Participant-Info/G-15-19_BCUC_Rules_of_Practice_and_Procedure.pdf).

Sincerely,

*Original Signed By:*

Patrick Wruck  
Commission Secretary

TL/nd  
Attachment



British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
F2020–F2021 Revenue Requirements Application

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**PANEL INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1 TO BRITISH COLUMBIA HYDRO AND POWER AUTHORITY**

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**1.0 Reference: Confidentiality Request  
Exhibit B-1, Application, Appendix J, p. 69; Appendix B-1-1, p. 1  
DVES: West End Substation – Property Purchase**

In Exhibit B-1-1, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) states:

In Appendix I, J, K, and Y to the Application, BC Hydro has redacted certain information that is commercially sensitive....

**Appendix I - Capital Expenditures > \$5 million**

**Appendix J - Capital Expenditures > \$20 million**

**Appendix K - Summaries of Capital Project Strategies Plans and Studies**

In these appendices, the redacted information falls into two categories. BC Hydro has consistently treated these types of information as confidential.

- The name and certain financial information of a specific BC Hydro project (e.g., Project A, B, and C). If this information is disclosed it may prejudice BC Hydro's position in future negotiations (e.g., land acquisition or potential compensation).
- The name of a project specifically for, or driven by, a customer (e.g., Customer A, B, and C). If this information is disclosed it may prejudice a customer's commercial or competitive position.

On page 69 of Appendix J, BC Hydro redacted the filing references in relation to the DVES: West End Substation – Property Purchase.

- 1.1 Please explain how the filing references relate to the two categories of redacted information quoted in the preamble.
- 1.2 Please explain why it is necessary to redact only the filing references and not any of the other information related to the project on page 69 of Appendix J.

**2.0 Reference: Confidentiality Request  
Exhibit B-1, Appendix Y, p. 7; Appendix BB, p. [REDACTED]; Exhibit B-1-1, p. 2  
Appendix Y**

In Exhibit B-1-1, BC Hydro states:

The information redacted on pages 6 and 7 of Appendix Y to the Application pertains to names or identifiable information of customers. If disclosed, the information may potentially prejudice the customer's competitive position. BC Hydro has a contractual obligation to keep the information specifically related to the customer and the customer's project confidential.

2.1 Please confirm, or explain otherwise, that the [REDACTED] discussed on page [REDACTED] of Appendix BB is the same project that is discussed on page 7 of Appendix Y.

2.1.1 If confirmed, please explain why the project name and certain information are redacted in only one of the above mentioned appendices.

2.1.2 For the information identified above, please explain whether BC Hydro is requesting the information to be held publicly or confidentially. If a revision to the redactions is required, please refile the confidential and public versions of the Appendices as appropriate.

2.2 Please confirm, or explain otherwise, that the information identified above is the only inconsistent redaction between Appendices Y and BB.

2.2.1 If not confirmed, please identify and explain the reasons for the inconsistencies.