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<b>BC HYDRO F2020–F2021 REVENUE REQUIREMENTS EXHIBIT A-6</b>
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**Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority – F2020 to F2021 Revenue Requirements Application – Project No. 1598990 – Community Input Sessions**

As part of the review of the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) Fiscal 2020 to Fiscal 2021 (F2020 to F2021) Revenue Requirements Application (Application), the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) established a regulatory timetable by Order G-45-19 on March 1, 2019 (Exhibit A-2) outlining its intent to hold Community Input Sessions in several locations in BC Hydro’s service area.

The Panel confirms the following Community Input Sessions:

Date (2019)	Location
<b>Thursday, September 5</b> 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<b>Vancouver:</b> BCUC Hearing Room 12th Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC V5Z 2S8
<b>Saturday, September 7</b> 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	<b>Kamloops:</b> TRU Conference Centre Thompson Rivers University 805 TRU Way, Kamloops, BC V2C 0C8
<b>Saturday, September 14</b> 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<b>Prince George:</b> UNBC Conference Centre University of Northern British Columbia 3333 University Way, Prince George, BC V2N 4Z9
<b>Sunday, September 15</b> 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	<b>Fort St. John:</b> Scotty Room Pomeroy Hotel 11308 Alaska Road, Fort St. John, BC V1J 5T5
<b>Saturday, September 21</b> 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	<b>Victoria:</b> Orchid Room Sandman Inn 2852 Douglas Street, Victoria, BC V8T 4M5

## PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE COMMUNITY INPUT SESSIONS

The purpose of the Community Input Sessions is for the BCUC to inform the public on how to participate in the BCUC's regulatory processes, to explain the scope of BC Hydro's Application, and to provide an opportunity for parties to inform the Panel of their interests specific to this Application. Submissions made on matters outside of the scope of the Application will form a part of the public record, but will not be considered by the Panel.

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT THE COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION?

Each Community Input Session will generally proceed in the following order:

- The Panel Chair will make an opening and closing statement that will indicate the beginning and end of the transcription of the Community Input Session.
- Presentations will be made by BCUC staff to inform parties on how to participate in the proceeding and explain the scope and content of BC Hydro's Application.
- Members of the public will have the opportunity to inform the Panel of their interests specific to this Application.

All oral submissions and dialogue at the Community Input Sessions, along with the name of the person making the submission, will be transcribed and placed on the public record. Sessions will be live audio streamed, but will not be videotaped. Anyone wishing to provide a written letter of comment on the Application instead of making an oral submission may do so by filling out the [Letter of Comment Form](#).

## REGISTRATION

Anyone wishing to participate in person is encouraged to register in advance via email to [Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com](mailto:Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com) or by telephone at 1-800-663-1385 at least 24 hours before the commencement of each scheduled Community Input Session. Registrants must notify the BCUC if they wish to speak at a Community Input Session. Participants who register at the door and wish to make an oral submission will be heard on a first come first served basis, time permitting. Observers are also welcome to attend and are encouraged to register in advance to ensure seating.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Applicant

BC Hydro is a Crown corporation established in 1964 under the *Hydro and Power Authority Act*. BC Hydro is the third largest electric utility in Canada with a customer base serving 95 percent of British Columbia's population in a service area that encompasses most of British Columbia with the exception of a few municipalities (which provide their own service) and the south-central part of the province served by FortisBC Inc.

### Application

On February 25, 2019, BC Hydro filed the Application with the BCUC seeking, among other things, approval on an interim basis pending a final BCUC decision on the Application, of the following:

- (i) A reduction of the Deferral Account Rate Rider (DARR) from 5 percent to 0 percent effective April 1, 2019;
- (ii) An increase in rates by 6.85 percent effective April 1, 2019;
- (iii) An increase in rates by 0.72 percent effective April 1, 2020; and
- (iv) The F2020 and F2021 Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) rates as set out in Table 9-8 of the Application effective April 1, 2019 and April 1, 2020, respectively.

On March 1, 2019, the BCUC issued Order G-45-19 granting approval, on an interim basis effective April 1, 2019, for BC Hydro to reduce the DARR from 5 percent to 0 percent, apply a 6.85 percent general rate increase and apply the requested OATT rates for F2020 as set out in Table 9-8 of the Application.

**Panel**

The Panel hearing the Application consists of Panel Chair, David Morton, and Commissioners Anna Fung, Blair Lockhart and Richard Mason (Exhibit A-1).

**Transcription Services**

The BCUC has retained Allwest Reporting Ltd. to provide verbatim transcripts of the Community Input Sessions. A copy of the transcript of each Community Input Session will be made available for review after each session on the BCUC's website at [www.bcuc.com](http://www.bcuc.com) on the [British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority F2020 to F2021 Revenue Requirements Application](#) proceeding page.

Sincerely,

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