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RE: Nelson Hydro – 2019 Rural Rate Application – Late Filing of Letters of Comment

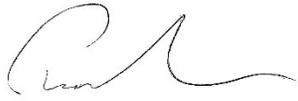
Nelson Hydro submits this letter in response to the Commission's July 9, 2019 Request for Submissions on Late Filing of Letters of Comment. Specifically, the Commission requested a submission from Nelson Hydro with regard to two additional letters of comment received by the Commission on July 4, 2019 and July 5, 2019.

As recognized by the Commission, the two submissions in question were received well after the deadline for letters of comment, and after Nelson Hydro submitted its Final Argument in this proceeding on July 4, 2019. As noted by the Commission, its own rules plainly state that late submissions will not be considered in a proceeding. Nevertheless, Nelson Hydro believes it is important for all to be heard and does not object to the Commission allowing the two untimely letters of comment to be filed and considered in this proceeding if it chooses to do so. Further, Nelson Hydro is not requesting the opportunity to file supplemental argument, but does take the opportunity here to note that neither letter offers any substantive value to the proceeding.

The July 4, 2019 letter submitted by Mr. LePape makes derogatory remarks directed at Nelson Hydro which add no material substance to the proceeding. Such comments need no response. Meanwhile, the July 5, 2019 letter submitted by Mr. Doyle with an attachment dated June 18, 2019 reiterates his position as set out in his three previous submissions (E-8, E-8-1, E-8-2).

Accordingly, while the untimely letters of comment do not offer any value to the proceeding, Nelson Hydro does not object to their acceptance if the Commission chooses to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gabriel', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

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On behalf of Alex Love, General Manager, Nelson Hydro

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