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**BCUC INDIGENOUS UTILITIES REGULATION INQUIRY
EXHIBIT A-12**

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Re: British Columbia Utilities Commission – Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry – Project No. 1598998 - Nisga'a Lisims Government Intervener Deadline Extension Request

Dear Mr. Azak,

On July 10, 2019, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) received a letter on behalf of the Nisga'a Lisims Government respecting the Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry (Inquiry), as enclosed with this exhibit.

In the letter, the Nisga'a Lisims Government seeks an extension of the deadline for intervener registration from July 15, 2019 to July 26, 2019. Having considered whether to participate in the Inquiry and, if so, on what basis, the Nisga'a Lisims Government stated it may also require an extension of the deadline for the filing of written evidence, with a date for such an extension to be determined.

The Panel has considered the request and will extend the deadline for the Nisga'a Lisims Government to register as an intervener to July 26, 2019. If the Nisga'a Lisims Government requires an extension for the filing of written evidence, the Panel will consider this matter separately, upon receipt of such a request.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Patrick Wruck
Commission Secretary

PS/ad

Enclosure

cc: Registered Interveners

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Attention: Patrick Wruck, Commission Secretary and Manager, Regulatory Services

Dear Mr. Wruck:

I write further to Nisga'a Lisims Government's submissions to the Panel leading the Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry (the "Inquiry") on July 4, 2019 and your telephone conversation with our general counsel yesterday.

The Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive will be considering whether to participate in the Inquiry and, if so, on what basis during its next session scheduled for July 24 and 25, 2019.

During our submissions on July 4, we emphasized the unique position of the Nisga'a Nation in relation to the scope of the Inquiry in light of its status as a modern treaty nation in British Columbia and the unique provisions of the Nisga'a Final Agreement.

We understand that the deadline for applications for intervener status in the Inquiry and for submission of evidence is July 15, 2019.

In light of the fact that our Executive will be considering this matter during its sitting this month, we respectfully request an extension of the deadline to apply for intervener status until July 26, 2019.

If our Executive does resolve to participate as an intervener in the Inquiry, we will also require an extension of the deadline for submission of evidence. We will be in a better position to determine how much of an extension we will require for submission of evidence once we have received instructions from our Executive. In the meantime, we respectfully request an extension of time to submit evidence to a date to be determined.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

NISGA'A LISIMS GOVERNMENT

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Collier Azak".

Collier Azak
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Eva Clayton, President, Nisga'a Lisims Government
Corinne McKay, Secretary Treasurer, Nisga'a Lisims Government
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