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British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Application to Amend Net Metering Service under Rate Schedule
1289 ~ Project No. 1599004.
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BC Utilities Commission,

The following questions are being sent to you asking that you forward them to BC Hydro and/or its appropriate staff. The questions arise from Hydros Application to the BCUC for an amendment to its net metering policies and rate schedule 1289, project 1599004. Please let me know if there is a different routing for the questions through the Commission.

#1, Would Hydro please provide the calculations and results of the determination of what the update value mentioned for the average mid Columbia pricing would net/kwh to self generators who provide more to hydro than they consume, based on the most recent data available?.

#2 Does Hydro intend to be fair to all customers with the pricing of power they acquire and does Hydro not in future intend to average out the cost of new power with that of the heritage assets, but only acquire power that can be sold as a net benefit to the Province?

#3 What factors is Hydro taking into account when it determines that unfairness might infringe on the non participating customers?

#4 Would Hydro explain in what way does this respond to changing technological advancements?

---question from page 41, "BC Hydro believes that the proposed amendment should be approved. The amendment.... Responds to the Evaluation Report which indicated that the Energy Price would be reviewed to ensure alignment with changing technological advancements and changing system needs."

#5 If this approach ie striking a fair balance between producers and consumers, were taken with respect to the existing large ipps contracts, what would Hydro expect in terms of push back from the ipps?

#6 Is it possible through this amendment, that Hydro could purchase low cost energy from consumers and sell back high priced power?

#7 With respect to the objectives mentioned on page 3, Who and how and when were these objectives established?

#7a IE, are these objectives identified in the Clean Energy act that ordered Hydro to establish programs that encourage people to self generate electricity?

#8 Has Hydro analyzed whether the amendment might increase fairness in the relatively narrow circumstances outlined in the application to determine if it produces an increase in total unfairness, in total cost of the system, in terms of social and environmental costs if the amendment goes through and discourages customers from adapting alternative energies

that are less costly than a dam at site c?

#9 Would Hydro expand on how the Crown corporation believes future alternative energy self generation projects with surplus power can not be used to displace or reduce Hydros need to acquire new generation resources, over the long term?