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British Columbia Utilities Commission
6th floor, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3
Attention: Patrick Wruck
Commission Secretary and Manager Regulatory Services

Dear Mr. Wruck:

**Re: Application to Amend Net Metering Service under Rate Schedule 1289 ~
Project No. 1599004
Net Metering Ratepayers Group Intervention
Urgent Request to Amend Regulatory Timetable to Extend Deadline for
Filing Intervener Evidence due to Inadequate Notification of BC Hydro
Responses to Round 2 Information**

We are writing on behalf of our clients the Net Metering Ratepayers Group (NMRG) to make an urgent request that the deadline for filing Intervener Evidence be extended to November 22 2019. The NMRG respectfully requests that the BCUC determine this extension request as soon as possible in light of the existing deadline tomorrow, November 7 2019.

Background to Extension Request

On November 4, 2019 the BCUC distributed an email stating:

“It has come to our attention that some parties may not have received a web notification for EXHIBIT B-7, B-8, B-8-1 in the BCH Net-Metering Service Amendment Application proceeding. Accordingly, the link to these exhibit(s) are proved below:

- [Exhibit B-7](#)
- [Exhibit B-8](#)
- [Exhibit B-8-1](#) (Confidential)”

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Unfortunately the content of the BCUC's November 4 2019 email makes it impossible to determine who may or may not have received the required web notification. That uncertainty is further complicated by the email being sent to "Undisclosed Recipients", which makes it impossible for parties to communicate with each other to sort out who did or didn't receive the web notification.

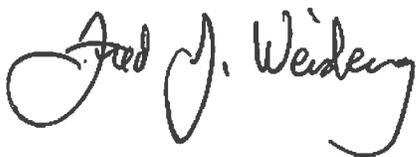
The material that is the subject of the web notification problem is complex, lengthy and essential. Given the technical nature of much of the material it necessarily requires reasonable time to review, comprehend and react to. The volume of the material alone is substantial – Exhibit B-7 is 42 pages, Exhibit B-8 is 223 pages and Exhibit B-8-1 is an undisclosed length and requires additional steps to obtain it even after proper notification is received by Interveners.

Without proper web notification of Exhibits B-7, B-8 and B-8-1 an unknown number of parties have been deprived of knowledge of or access to over 266 pages of essential information. Under the circumstances, requiring Interveners to file their evidence tomorrow November 7 2019 would create irreparable prejudice for some or all Interveners.

Therefore, NMRG will be unable to meet the November 7 2019 deadline for filing Intervener Evidence and expects that may be the case for many, perhaps all, other Interveners.

NMRG submits that the filing deadline for Intervener Evidence should be extended to November 22 2019, which would provide the same 14-day time interval as originally contemplated (i.e. October 24 to November 7) plus one day for the intervening November 11 holiday and two days for sorting out how to proceed in light of the BCUC's November 4 2019 email. NMRG further submits that the Regulatory Timetable will need to be further amended to adjust subsequent dates to reflect the extended filing deadline for Intervener Evidence.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred J. Weisberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "F" and "W".

Fred J. Weisberg
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Counsel to Net Metering Ratepayers Group