

**BC Hydro Fiscal 2020 to Fiscal 2021  
Revenue Requirements Application**

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**BC HYDRO UNDERTAKING NO. 37**

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**REQUESTOR:** AMPC, Mr. M. Keen

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**TRANSCRIPT EXCERPT:**

MR. KEEN: Q EMTP. Is it only EMTP aspects of system impact studies that have received third-party assistances or are there also other aspects that have received third-party assistance?

MR. KUMAR: A That's the only one that comes to mind in the last five years, subject to check.

MR. KEEN: Q All right. So please confirm with us if that recollection is inaccurate.

MR. KEEN: Q And it's your view that tariff supplement 6 prevents BC Hydro from relying on third-party resources for –

MR. KUMAR: A I think your question was that can the load customers do the system impact study as opposed to third parties. And my answer was that I'm not aware of a third party doing a system impact study, whether that's as a result of being precluded through the tariff supplement 6 of a business practice, I don't know that.

MR. KEEN: Q I'd understood your response to be in part because you were precluded by tariff supplement 6. I just want to be clear about that, is that a constraint?

MR. KUMAR: A I'm not aware of whether that -- I'll have to check tariff supplement 6 in terms of what the actual language is in terms of a system impact study.

MR. KEEN: Q Okay, if you can come back and clarify for us.

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**QUESTION:**

Is it an option for a customer to have an external party undertake a facilities study instead of BC Hydro? Further, does Tariff Supplement 6 prevent customers from having an external third-party undertake a system impact study instead of BC Hydro?

**RESPONSE:**

**Under Tariff Supplement 6, BC Hydro has the responsibility to construct, own, operate, and maintain the System Reinforcements and Basic Transmission**

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Extension (BTE) as well as provide detailed studies for customer interconnection requests. Therefore, in accordance with Tariff Supplement 6, BC Hydro must undertake system impact studies and facilities studies.