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Kyuquot Power Ltd. – BC Utilities Commission ("BCUC") Order No. G-261-20 ("Order")
Progress Update #4

As a result of the expedited timetable in the Order, Kyuquot Power Ltd. ("KPL") wishes to provide the BCUC with information on the timing and resolution of the actions being taken as of November 20, 2020. This Progress Update #4 follows the previous Progress Update #3 dated as of November 16, 2020.

The numbering system in Progress Update #1, 2 and 3 corresponds with the numbering system in the Order as divided into the below six sections.

1. **Vegetation Management Plan approved by a qualified utility arborist regarding urgent vegetation work**

As a part of KPL's existing annual vegetation management, and prior to the issuance of the Order, KPL arranged on October 9, 2020 for a clearing contractor that is a local resident to provided vegetation management. The scope of work was for clearing mainly on Walter's Island and for the Amai Main section of the powerline. Total powerline length involved was about 11km.
The contractor was unable to commence work and on October 28, 2020 KPL arranged for another local resident contractor to do the same work except that a 2km section near Chamiss Bay was added. This addition was based on a recommendation from KPL's existing electrical contractor, HB Energy Ltd. The clearing work is expected to commenced on November 2, 2020 with a scheduled completion date of November 20, 2020. As of November 20, 2020, the work is more than 90% complete.

On, October 23, 2020, KPL engaged Asplundh Canada ULC ("Asplundh"), a company specializing in vegetation management and tree removal, to provide a vegetation management plan including urgent work and an action plan. The plan will be approved by a certified utility arborist and the estimated cost for the site visit is $8,000. Asplundh was anticipating commencing their site inspection (duration 4 days) about Oct 29, 2020 but encountered staff availability issues and performed the site visit on November 9-12, 2020. Asplundh is currently preparing documentation regarding the site inspection.

2. **Vegetation Plan Completion Report approved by a qualified utility arborist**

Urgent work, if any, is to be identified by Asplundh as a part of the work under Item 1 above

3. **Powerline Maintenance Plan approved by a qualified professional engineer regarding outstanding maintenance.**

On October 22, 2020 KPL engaged Primary Engineering and Construction ("Primary") to provide a powerline maintenance plan approved by a qualified professional engineer for an estimated cost of about $30,000. Primary commenced their site inspection on October 25, 2020 and completed the site inspection on October 30, 2020. Primary is currently preparing documentation regarding the site inspection.

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4. **Powerline Maintenance Plan Completion Report approved by a qualified professional engineer**

Urgent work, if any, and action plan is to be identified by Primary as part of the work under Item 3 above

5. **KPL is to provide a scope and timeframe to complete the KPL's Assessment Report**

The findings of the site inspection by Primary are a precursor to providing a scope and timeframe for the Assessment Report.

6. **KPL is to conduct a review of its maintenance procedures under the guidance of a qualified professional engineer and report on its review to the Commission**

The site inspection by Primary is a precursor to reviewing maintenance procedures and compiling a report on the maintenance procedures.

On November 13, 2020, KPL submitted a request to BCUC for an amendment of timelines to the Order.

As a result of a windstorm at Zeballos/Tahsis, BC Hydro had a power outage extending from early morning of November 17, 2020 to late afternoon of November 20, 2020 which affected service to KPL. Due to the outage affecting the majority of the weekdays, KPL is avoiding planning any outages during the week of November 23 – 27, 2020.

The undersigned should be contacted directly, in respect of any questions or clarifications.

Yours truly,

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