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Ms. Marija Tresoglavic
Acting Commission Secretary and Manager
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Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
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Dear Ms. Tresoglavic:

**RE: British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
Fiscal 2022 Revenue Requirements Application**

BC Hydro writes to advise that it will be filing its Fiscal 2022 Revenue Requirements Application on December 22, 2020 (**Application**) and to propose a regulatory process for the review of the Application.

During the proceeding on BC Hydro's Fiscal 2020 to Fiscal 2021 Revenue Requirements Application, the BCUC expressed a desire to realign the timing of BC Hydro's future Revenue Requirement Applications. The goal is for applications to be submitted earlier so that there is enough time remaining in the period under review for BC Hydro to implement directives within that period. BC Hydro and a number of interveners supported this objective.

In order to achieve this outcome, the BCUC directed BC Hydro to file a one-year Revenue Requirements Application for fiscal 2022 by December 2020, to be reviewed through a streamlined process. Streamlining the fiscal 2022 process will realign the timing of BC Hydro's future Revenue Requirements Applications, starting with the Revenue Requirements Application for fiscal 2023 and subsequent fiscal years.

To support a streamlined process, BC Hydro provides the following proposal for the review of the Application. The proposal broadly follows the model used by FortisBC in its Annual Reviews, which was the concept put forward by the Panel for comment during the Fiscal 2020 to Fiscal 2021 Revenue Requirements Application proceeding.¹ It achieves the objective of enabling the BCUC to issue its Decision with enough time remaining in the test period for BC Hydro to implement directives within that period.

¹ Exhibit A-37: "The Panel anticipates that BC Hydro would submit an application for F2022 rates by no later than December of 2020. This application can be reviewed in a manner that is similar to FortisBC's Annual Review of Rates."

In the following timetable, the “Review Session” is intended to reflect a process akin to FortisBC’s Annual Review hearing (i.e., a process involving a BC Hydro presentation, with time for questions from participants).

Table 1 Proposed Regulatory Review Process for the Application

Process	Date
Application Filed	December 22, 2020
Deadline for Registration of Interveners and Interested Parties	January 15, 2021
BCUC Information Request No.1 to BC Hydro	January 21, 2021
Intervener Information Request No. 1 to BC Hydro	January 26, 2021
BC Hydro responds BCUC and Intervener Information Request No. 1	February 23, 2021
Review Session	March 4, 2021
BC Hydro provides Undertakings from Review Session ²	March 18, 2021
BC Hydro Final Argument	March 18, 2021
Intervener Arguments	April 1, 2021
BC Hydro Reply Argument	April 16, 2021

We recognize that the timetable is compressed and will be a challenge for all participants. However, delaying the end date of the proceeding, and as a result delaying the decision date, will pose significant challenges to BC Hydro being able to reflect the results in the Fiscal 2023 Revenue Requirements Application.³

BC Hydro is planning to file its Fiscal 2023 Revenue Requirements Application in August 2021 so that actual fiscal 2021 results can be reflected in that application. To reflect the results of this proceeding in the Fiscal 2023 Revenue Requirements Application, BC Hydro would need to receive the BCUC’s Decision by no later than the end of June 2021.

For further information, please contact Chris Sandve at 604-974-4641 or by email at bchydroregulatorygroup@bchydro.com.

Yours sincerely,



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² BC Hydro would submit undertakings in batches as they are completed; the deadline would be for the final batch of any remaining undertakings.

³ BC Hydro expects that its Fiscal 2023 Revenue Requirements Application will cover multiple fiscal years.