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Kyuquot Power Ltd. – BC Utilities Commission ("BCUC") Order No. G-309-20
Progress Update #9

In accordance with Compliance Directive #7 in BCUC Order G-309-20 (the "Order") Kyuquot Power Ltd. ("KPL") is providing information on the timing and resolution of the actions being taken up to December 25, 2020. This Progress Update #9 follows the previous weekly Progress Update #8.

The numbering system in the Progress Updates 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 provide 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. In late November 2020, a further 6km section from Amai Main towards Fair Harbour was added. The clearing work commenced on November 2, 2020 and was completed on November 29, 2020.

   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 was approved by a certified utility arborist. Asplundh was anticipating commencing their site inspection (duration 4 days) about Oct 29, 2020 but encountered staff availability issues and performed the site visit between November 9-12, 2020.

   The Vegetation Management Plan approved by a certified utility arborist and dated December 9, 2020 has been filed with the BCUC under Exhibit D-16

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

   A Vegetation Plan Completion Report will be provided to BCUC no later than December 29, 2020.

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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. Primary commenced their site inspection on October 25, 2020 and completed the site inspection on October 30, 2020. Primary provided KPL a Line Maintenance Plan dated November 30, 2020 (the "Maintenance Plan") which has been provided to BCUC under Exhibit D-16.

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

   The Priority 1 deficiency items identified in the Maintenance Plan are being addressed by contractors for KPL. KPL expected to complete the Priority 1 deficiencies by December 20, 2020 subject to interruptions due to adverse weather and contractor unavailability.

   The electrical contractor was on-site between December 16 - 19, 2020, subject to certain areas being unavailable due to adverse weather (rain and high winds). This is expected to have hampered the completion of some of the Priority 1 work items. A listing of the completed work is not available as of the date of this report.

   A Completion Report by KPL is expected to be filed with the BCUC by December 29, 2020.

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

   KPL provided a scope and timeframe to complete KPL's Assessment Report to the BCUC under Exhibit D-16.

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**

   KPL expects to provide a report regarding the review of procedures by December 29, 2020.

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 avoided planning any outages during the week of November 23 – 27, 2020. Further on November 27, 2020, a windstorm at Zeballos caused a BC Hydro power outage extending from about 10am November 27, 2020 to 1am on November 28, 2020. On December 18, 2020, high winds at Zeballos caused a BC Hydro power outage extending from about 5:30pm on Friday December 18, 2020 to 1:00pm on Saturday December 19, 2020. The outage impacted the work schedule of the KPL electrical contractor.

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

Yours truly,

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