May 5, 2021

BC Utilities Commission
Suite 401 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

To Whom it May Concern:

Re: **British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro): 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application**

The District of New Hazelton would like to highlight their concerns regarding BC Hydro's proposed 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application.

The Application, submitted by BC Hydro in November, 2020, seeks approval for an increase in the monthly rate charged per street light which includes a surcharge to recover the costs incurred by BC Hydro to convert existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) light fixtures to LED fixtures.

While the District of New Hazelton supports the environmental benefits that will result from the conversion to LED technology, we are not in support of a surcharge rate downloaded to the local governments to cover the disposal of existing lights and their associated depreciation costs.

We respectfully request that the BC Utilities Commission provides assurance that the interim rates and surcharge currently implemented is removed as of March 31, 2024 as stated by BC Hydro.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please direct them to our Chief Administrative Officer, Wendy Hunt. She can be reached via email at whunt@newhazelton.ca or via phone at 250-842-6571. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Warm regards,

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