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Mr. Patrick Wruck
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Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
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Dear Mr. Wruck:

**RE: Project No. 1598922
British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
Inquiry Respecting Site C
BC Hydro Presentation at October 13 and 14 Technical Session**

BC Hydro writes further to the Commission's letter of October 2, 2017 inviting BC Hydro to appear before the Commission and present this Saturday afternoon. We are writing to advise how we are intending to proceed, subject to any further direction from the Commission.

We have arranged for five subject matter experts to appear, give a technical presentation on several matters arising from the questions posed in the Preliminary Report, and answer any Commission Panel questions.

They are:

- **Chris O'Riley, PEng, MBA - BC Hydro, President and Chief Operating Officer**

Mr. O'Riley has worked for BC Hydro for 27 years, and in addition to his current role, has held the positions of Deputy CEO, VP Capital Projects and Infrastructure, VP Generation and was BC Hydro's first Chief Risk Officer. In these roles, his responsibilities have included long-term energy planning and conservation, generation operations and maintenance, risk management, capital re-investment, project delivery, engineering, environmental management, employee safety, dam safety, and dispatch planning and gas and electricity purchases to meet load. Since 2015, Mr. O'Riley has had responsibility for BC Hydro's capital projects, including Site C, with a combined budget of about \$17 billion. He has appeared before the Commission on 19 separate occasions.

Randy Reimann, PEng, MBA - BC Hydro, Director, Energy Planning

Mr. Reimann has 35 years of experience in the electricity industry and has been Director of Energy Planning for the last 12 years. He is responsible for leading the team that develops BC Hydro's Integrated Resource Plan and Load Forecast. He joined BC Hydro in 1993. Since that time, in addition to his current position, he held the positions of Strategic Issues Manager, Sector Manager and Key Account Manager. Before joining BC Hydro, Mr. Reimann spent four years with electrical engineering consultants in British Columbia working on power system studies, substation design and construction for large industrial customers, and prior to that worked for ATCO Power (then Alberta Power Limited) in the areas of generation planning and marketing. Mr. Reimann appeared before the Joint Review Panel (the panel that conducted the environmental assessment for Site C) at the hearing sessions on "Need and Alternatives" and has appeared before the Commission on four occasions, including two proceedings on BC Hydro's Integrated Resource Plan.

- **Tom Bechard, PEng, Powerex Corp. - Managing Director and Head Trader**

Mr. Bechard has over thirty years of experience in the electricity and natural gas sectors. He has experience in a broad range of activities, including trading, portfolio management, risk management, customer relations, contract negotiation, and regulatory matters. He has been Powerex's Head Trader for the last seven years, and before that was a portfolio manager for power-trading with Eastern North America, Alberta, and California and Southwest United States. Before joining Powerex, Mr. Bechard worked as generation planning engineer and maintenance engineer for BC Hydro, and before that was a field engineer for an oil and gas company based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

- **Mike Savidant, MBA, BC Hydro, Manager, Commercial Negotiations**

Mr. Savidant is an analyst and project manager with 15 years' experience in the energy sector. Most recently, he was the Finance and Risk Lead on BC Hydro's purchase of 2/3 Waneta Facility from Teck Resources. Mr. Savidant was the Commercial Manager for Site C from 2007 until August 2016, where he had responsibility for economic evaluation of Site C compared to alternatives, preparation of the project risk registry, and development of procedures and tools for ongoing risk management, among other responsibilities. He was a member of BC Hydro's general panel at Joint Review Panel hearings, and the specialist panel on the issues of "Need and Alternatives", as part of the Site C environmental assessment. He has been leading BC Hydro's team for the purpose of this Inquiry.

- **Andrew Watson, M.Eng, P.Eng., BC Hydro Site C Engineering Division Manager and Owner's Engineer**

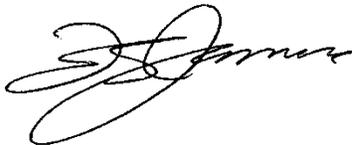
Mr. Watson has over 18 years of broad experience on hydroelectric project design and construction. His experience spans site investigation and characterization, design studies from concept through detailed design, development of technical specifications for construction, procurement and construction supervision. He has been working on the Site C project in his current position since 2007, responsible for management of technical design, and resourcing and leading an integrated engineering team. Before his current position, Mr. Watson's various levels of responsibility for leading design teams on a range of projects related to a number of BC Hydro's hydroelectric facilities, including La Joie Dam, Ruskin Dam, Mica Dam, Revelstoke Dam and Coquitlam Dam.

We look forward to the opportunity to engage with the Commission directly, and our panel will be pleased to take questions on any matter. The issues in this Inquiry are obviously of great significance to BC Hydro and our customers. We will continue to do our part to ensure the Commission has everything it requires to make an informed decision.

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Yours sincerely,



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