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Sent via email

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**Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority – British Columbia Utilities Commission Inquiry
Respecting Site C – Project No. 1598922 – Request for Materials**

Dear Mr. Austin:

The British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) acknowledges receipt of a letter from the Clean Energy Association of BC (CEBC) dated August 17, 2017.

The scope and timeline of the Commission's inquiry is defined by the Terms of Reference established by the Lieutenant Governor in Council's Order in Council (OIC) No. 244 which requires delivery of a preliminary report outlining progress to date and preliminary findings by September 20, 2017 and a final report, including the results of the Commission's consultations, by November 1, 2017. These deadlines have required the Commission to adopt a more stream-lined approach to its process than is usually taken in the Commission's proceedings. The Commission has accordingly established a process for the Site C Inquiry pursuant to Order G-120-17 which allows for members of the public to make submissions of data and analysis that are relevant to the scope of the Site C Inquiry by August 30, 2017 and to provide comments on the Commission's preliminary report on or before October 11, 2017.

The Commission also notes that BC Hydro is required to make an evidentiary filing by August 30, 2017 as directed in Order G-121-17. The Commission's consultants are working closely with BC Hydro at this time to obtain the necessary information from BC Hydro to be able to provide independent reports to the Commission in advance of the Commission's preliminary report deadline of September 20, 2017. The Commission will not require BC Hydro to make available to CEBC or other participants the material requested by CEBC at this time as it will require BC Hydro to divert its attention from the primary tasks that must be accomplished by August 30, 2017 and September 20, 2017. If BC Hydro files evidence on a confidential basis, the Commission will then address requests for access to the information that has been filed on a confidential basis.

The Site C Inquiry is an open and transparent process; however, as an inquiry initiated under section 5 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, it is not a typical regulatory proceeding, and there is not adequate time to undergo all of the usual processes for testing of evidence.

Accordingly, CEBC's letter has been posted as a submission in the Site C Inquiry and the submissions contained within which are relevant to the scope of the inquiry will be considered by the Panel in preparing the preliminary

report. CEBC also has the opportunity to provide additional data and analysis in further submissions if it so chooses on or before August 30, 2017.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Patrick Wruck
Commission Secretary

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