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

On September 7, 2017, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued a Panel letter detailing the process for parties to request access to confidential versions of British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority’s (BC Hydro) August 30, 2017 submission or Deloitte LLP’s independent reports (Letter A-7).

On September 14, 2017, BC Hydro filed a letter with the Commission stating that it does not consider the Commission’s standard confidentiality undertaking process to be sufficient for accessing confidential information in the Site C Inquiry as it does not adequately protect BC Hydro’s customers against harm. BC Hydro instead requests that the Commission order the approach to redacted information outlined in its letter be taken. BC Hydro’s letter is filed as F1-2 on the Commission’s Site C Inquiry Submissions webpage.

The Panel approves BC Hydro’s proposed approach to disclosing confidentially redacted information described in detail in BC Hydro’s September 14, 2017 letter. The Panel finds the approach reflects a reasonable balance between providing proper protection to commercially sensitive information while allowing some access with the appropriate safeguards.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Commission Secretary

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