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Jean-Denis Charlebois Secretary of the Board Canada Energy Regulator Electricity Reliability Suite 210, 517 Tenth Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T2R 0A8

Dear Mr. Charlebois:

RE: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
International and Interprovincial Power Line Damage Prevention
Regulations – Obligations of Holders of Permits and Certificates,
SOR/2020-49 (Obligations Regulation): 2020 Report to Regulator

BC Hydro writes in compliance with section 6 of the Obligations Regulation, which requires BC Hydro, as certificate holder for International Power Lines (IPLs), to provide a report(s) to the CER that contains the information specified in that section. By way of this letter, BC Hydro provides its report for the 2020 calendar year.

BC Hydro is the holder of the following six Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for IPLs in British Columbia:

- 1. EC-III-4 transmission IPL to Bonneville Power Administration, Washington;
- 2. EC-III-10 transmission IPL to Bonneville Power Administration, Washington;
- 3. EC-III-12 transmission IPL to Bonneville Power Administration, Washington;
- 4. EC-29 distribution feeder to Puget Sound Energy in Point Roberts, Washington;
- 5. EC-30 distribution feeder connected to Tongass Power and Light Company in Hyder, Alaska; and
- 6. EC-51 distribution feeder from Lincoln Electric Cooperative to BC Hydro's isolated service area of Newgate, B.C.

BC Hydro continues to develop its Damage Prevention Program and expects to implement it by or before March 15, 2021.



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With respect to BC Hydro's reporting obligations for the 2020 calendar year as required by section 6 of the Obligations Regulation, BC Hydro reports the following:

- (a) Details of any contravention of the International and Interprovincial Power line Damage Prevention Regulations Authorizations (Authorizations Regulation):
  - BC Hydro has not identified any contraventions of the Authorizations Regulation during the 2020 calendar year for any of its IPLs.
- (b) Details of any damage to its IPLs, including the cause and nature of the damage and any related impacts on the reliability of an IPL:
  - BC Hydro has not identified any damage to any of its IPLs during the 2020 calendar year.
- (c) Any concerns that the holder may have regarding the IPL's safety, security or reliability as a result of the construction of the facility, the activity that causes a ground disturbance or the operation of vehicles or mobile equipment across the power line:

As discussed above, BC Hydro has not identified any contraventions of the Authorizations Regulation during the 2020 calendar year. BC Hydro has no safety, security or reliability concerns as a result of the construction of a facility, activity that causes a ground disturbance or the operation of vehicles or mobile equipment across any of its IPLs during the 2020 calendar year.

(d) Any action the holder has taken or intends to take or request in relation to the contravention or damage:

BC Hydro has taken no action, nor does it intend to take any action, in relation to contraventions or damage to its IPLs, because, as discussed above, no contraventions or damage have been identified during the 2020 calendar year.

For further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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