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Ramona Sladic
Secretary of the Board
Canada Energy Regulator
Electricity Reliability
Suite 210, 517 Tenth Avenue SW
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Dear Ramona Sladic:

**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)**

BC Hydro writes regarding section 6 of the Obligations Regulation, which requires holders of a certificate for an international power line (**IPL**) to provide certain information to the Canada Energy Regulator (**CER**) by no later than January 31 for the previous calendar year.

BC Hydro understands that holders are not required to submit a report under section 6 if it has no such information to report. As discussed in more detail below, BC Hydro has no such information to report and is therefore not required to submit a report. Nevertheless, BC Hydro is providing this letter to the CER to confirm that it has no information to report under section 6 of Obligations Regulation for the 2023 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.

With respect to the 2023 calendar year, BC Hydro confirms 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 2023 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 2023 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 2023 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 2023 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 2023 calendar year.

For further information, please contact the undersigned at bchydroregulatorygroup@bchydro.com.

Yours sincerely,



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