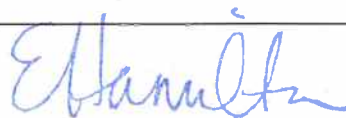


ATTACHMENT D

Methodology for Completing a System Impact Study

BC Hydro will perform system planning studies and apply its published planning criteria, standards and procedures to determine the impacts of the requested Transmission Service. The transfer capability of the system will be assessed for the period of the requested service to determine if the requested service can be accommodated. Thermal loading, transient stability, and voltage stability limits will be investigated for normal and outage conditions. If this analysis indicates that the requested Transmission Service cannot be accommodated, then alternative reinforcements will be investigated. A least cost transmission expansion plan will be developed for consideration by BC Hydro and the Transmission Customer and will include but not be limited to the following considerations: technical, economic, reliability, losses, environmental and social. The Transmission Customer can decide whether to proceed, modify, or cancel its request. More details can be found in the BC Hydro System Planning document entitled "Planning Process".

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