



August 23, 2013

Ref.: 80844

Mr. Stephen Bellringer
Chair
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
18th Floor – 333 Dunsmuir Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 5R3

Dear Mr. Bellringer:

On August 2, 2013, the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) submitted its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) in accordance with Subsection 3(6)(a) of the *Clean Energy Act* (Act). I have been briefed by Ministry of Energy and Mines staff on the actions BC Hydro recommends be undertaken to meet the electricity needs of the Province over the next 20 years.

I am writing to inform you that, prior to any Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) decision concerning the IRP pursuant to Subsection 4(1)(a) of the Act, the following will be required:

1. On receipt of this letter, BC Hydro will give public notice that it has submitted its IRP to Government, and it will provide public access to the IRP on its website and other means BC Hydro feels are appropriate;
2. BC Hydro will conduct a final round of consultations related to its IRP with First Nations, key stakeholders and the public. Consultation must be carried out by October 18, 2013. While the consultations should cover the IRP in its entirety, of particular interest is feedback on the changes to the IRP since BC Hydro undertook consultations in the spring and summer of 2012, and on uncertainty over the 20-year period and the contingency plans BC Hydro is proposing to deal with that uncertainty; and
3. By November 15, 2013, BC Hydro is to re-submit its IRP for consideration by the LGIC.

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Les MacLaren, Assistant Deputy Minister, Electricity and Alternative Energy Division, Ministry of Energy and Mines, at 250-952-0204 or Les.MacLaren@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Bennett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bill Bennett
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Mr. Les MacLaren
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Mr. Charles Reid
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