

BC Hydro 2015 Rate Design Module 2 Customer Meeting – Thompson Nicola Regional District

Summary

7 FEBRUARY 2017

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Conference Call

TYPE OF MEETING	Customer/Stakeholder Conference Call
FACILITATOR	Ed Mah
PARTICIPANTS	Ron Stone – TNRD Director of Community Services Agnese Saat – TNRD Grants Coordinator
BC HYDRO ATTENDEES	Ed Mah, Calvin Hastings, Rick Truong
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1701 and 1702 street lighting rates and survey 2. Recovery of NBV for existing lights retired before end of life

MEETING MINUTES		
ABBREVIATIONS	HPS – High Pressure Sodium LED – Light Emitting Diode (Lighting) NIA – Non Integrated Area Service Territory RDA – Rate Design Application NBV – Net Book Value	RS – Rate Schedule(s) TNRD – Thomson Nicola Regional District UBCM – Union of B.C. Municipalities
1. Street Lighting Survey and General Information about Street Lighting Rates		
BC Hydro discussed the RS 1701 and RS 1702 street lighting rates with TNRD BC Hydro explained the three options for recovering the net book value of 1701 HPS streetlights that would be removed before they reach end of life.		
FEEDBACK		RESPONSE
1.	TNRD was not aware that they had RS 1702 lights and thought all lights were under RS 1701. TNRD wanted to know the location of the RS 1702 lights.	BC Hydro committed to investigating. Subsequently BC Hydro confirmed there were 50 – 100W street lights under RS 1702 in Tobiano Estates. With 30W ballast losses, these are billed at 130W each.
2.	TNRD would like to use Federal Gas Tax Grant money to convert 1701 street lights owned by BC Hydro to LED. There has been a change to the grant structure so that use by non-municipal governments is now acceptable. This was subsequently confirmed by TNRD with UBCM. An agreement between BC Hydro and the TNRD would be required. Basic premise of the agreement is that the TNRD will provide funds and BC Hydro will complete the works. BC Hydro will own the resulting tangible capital asset and will be required to retain ownership for 5 years. Disposal prior to the end of the 5 year term may result in repayment of funds.	BC Hydro does not believe it is eligible to receive gas tax grants. BC Hydro will work with TNRD and other customers to see if it is possible for them to apply gas tax grants to offset the rate rider or lump-sum payment for HPS streetlights, owned by BC Hydro, that are removed before end-of-life.