

BC Hydro Rate Design - Module 2 Stakeholder Meeting

Summary

21 September 2016

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

BC Hydro - Dunsmuir

TYPE OF MEETING	Stakeholder Meeting
FACILITATOR	Gordon Doyle
PARTICIPANTS	Commercial Energy Consumers – David Craig and Chris Weafer
BC HYDRO ATTENDEES	Keith Anderson, V.P. Customer Service, and Gordon Doyle, Manager, Regulatory
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss approach to review CEC’s interruptible rate proposal 2. PACA for CEC evidence 3. Next steps

MEETING MINUTES	
ABBREVIATIONS	BCH... BC Hydro BCUC. BC Utilities Commission CEC.... Commercial Energy Consumers’ Association of BC TOU.... Time of Use
1. Initial Discussion of CEC Interruptible Rate Proposal	
<p>BC Hydro indicated that the CEC proposal provides a good starting place to begin the review of the possibility of an interruptible rate for General Service customers.</p> <p>BC Hydro raised some initial concerns around the proposed interruptible rate including the fact that it would allow firm customers to move to non-firm service. This is different than BC Hydro’s Shore Power rates that are only available to new loads. BC Hydro also raised the issue of potential revenue loss and that those impacts would be absorbed by other commercial customers. BC Hydro also indicated that we are currently looking at our need for capacity given the current load resource balance.</p> <p>BC Hydro indicated that there may be other mechanisms to address the CEC concerns about the impact of demand charges and ratchets to customers that can avoid usage during peak times. These could include programs, TOU or alternative rate designs that recognize the benefit of shifting or not using energy in peak periods.</p> <p>CEC indicated that they are open to other options that could help customers mitigate the impact of demand charges where the customer could shift or curtail their use during peak periods.</p>	
2. Next Steps	
<p>BC Hydro committed to conducting an in-depth review of the CEC’s interruptible rate proposal and set up a subsequent meeting with CEC to review its comments and suggested path forward. BC Hydro expects the meeting to be set for late October or early November.</p>	