

6 CONCLUSIONS / ACTIONS NEEDED FROM GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT A STEPPED RATE STRUCTURE AND RETAIL ACCESS

It is not possible to identify the steps government need take in connection with stepped rates at this time. However, as a general statement, BC Hydro believes the Commission should recommend that if government wishes to require the adoption of the stepped rate, it should:

- issue a special direction to the Commission concerning the establishment of rates for transmission voltage customers that adhere to those of the Commission's recommendations or rate changes that the government accepts; and
- if it determines that direct transmission access through the use of the WTS tariff is needed, issue a special direction requiring the Commission to provide for retail access to WTS by transmission voltage customers served under the stepped rate design.