

BC Hydro's Distribution/Extension Policy Workshop

Meeting Minutes

BC Hydro Offices, Prince George, BC

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ATTENDEES

Name	Organization
Ervin Charleyboy	Chief, Alexis Creek Indian Band
Clarence Marianne	Alexis Creek Indian Band
Daniel Schwanke	NRS Engineering
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BC HYDRO PROJECT TEAM

Name	Organization & Department
Fred James	BC Hydro
Milan Prpic	BC Hydro
Jane Christensen	BC Hydro
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OTHER ATTENDEES - PRESENTERS OR OBSERVERS

Name	Organization & Department
Meaghan Duthie	BC Hydro
Curtis MacPheat	BC Hydro
Bob Gammer	BC Hydro
Lev Kovacs	BC Hydro

MEETING OBJECTIVES

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- Present the drivers for changes to the BC Hydro extension policy
- Summarize BC Hydro's experience with the existing policy
- Propose a straw model for a new policy
- Obtain comments from BC Hydro's stakeholders

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Regulatory Framework
3. Existing Extension Policy
4. Drivers for Change
5. Straw Model With Examples
6. Feedback

HANDOUTS PROVIDED AT THE MEETING

Paper copies of the following materials were distributed at the meeting.

Item	Description
Handouts - "BC Hydro Extension Policy Changes - Workshop for Lower Mainland Developers and Consultants" PowerPoint presentation	PowerPoint presentation

PRESENTATIONS DELIVERED AT THE MEETING

The following PowerPoint presentation was delivered during the meeting; paper copies were distributed at the meeting as indicated.

Item	Description
BC Hydro Extension Policy Changes	PowerPoint presentation

Summary

BC Hydro gave a presentation regarding its upcoming Rate Design Application, with a focus on its extension policy.

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BC Hydro asked attendees to:

- Share their experiences with the existing policy
- Provide input into the formulation of a new policy

The topics covered included:

- Regulatory Framework
- Terminology
- Existing Extension Policy
- Drivers for Change
- Straw Model with Examples

Feedback:

With respect to an extension to an extension, participants felt that this would address the fairness issue, as latecomers hooking up to an extension will generate some credit for the developers that first put in the infrastructure. However, participants also felt that this would pose a large **administrative burden** trying to track these companies over time, particularly as some companies are set up only for a job and then are folded as the people move on to other projects.

Participants also felt surprised that BC Hydro had waited so long to address some of these issues, such as simplifying the tariff and updating some of its costs and fees.