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Chief
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Mailing Address
Sent by facsimile to:

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Dear Chief:

RE: Consultation on BC Hydro and BC Transmission Corporation's Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry Evidence and Information Delayed

As a result of the delay of the BC Utilities Commission's (BCUC) Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry (Section 5 Inquiry), the second round of consultation workshops are being postponed. As outlined in the attached letter from Minister Leckstrom, the recently formed Green Energy Advisory Task Force is expected to provide recommendations to government within the next couple months which will have implications for the development and transmission of electricity in B.C. The timing of the second round of consultation workshops will be determined once the BCUC's new Inquiry schedule is known. Accordingly, capacity funding for technical reviews and studies has been put on hold until the Inquiry resumes.

We want to thank you for your participation and input to date. Your feedback has been documented in meeting notes and in a series of Questions & Answers which are posted on the BC Hydro website at www.bchydro.com/transmissioninquiry. Information on BCTC's planning activities can be found on their website at www.bctransmission2040.ca.



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Please continue to check the above websites periodically for further updates on the status of the Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry and the parallel First Nation consultation process.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at Transmission.Inquiry@BCHydro.com or by phone at 1-877-461-0161, extension 3.

We look forward to consulting with you further when the Long-term Electricity Transmission Inquiry resumes. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

cc: Sheila Reynolds, Manager, Aboriginal & Corporate Relations, BC Hydro
Claire Marshall, Manager, Aboriginal Relations, BC Transmission Corporation



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Mr. Len Kelsey
Chair and Chief Executive Officer
British Columbia Utilities Commission
Box 250
900 Howe Street, Sixth Floor
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

Dear Mr. Kelsey:

I am writing to follow up on my letter of November 9, 2009 regarding timelines for the ongoing Section 5 Transmission Inquiry (Inquiry) relating to British Columbia's long-term electricity transmission and infrastructure needs.

On November 20, 2009, the members of the Green Energy Advisory Task Force (Task Force) groups were announced. The Government's consideration and policy responses to the recommendations from the Task Force will have implications for the development of the electricity industry, and thus British Columbia's long-term transmission and generation infrastructure needs.

To ensure that the implications of and requirements arising from this new policy framework are appropriately reflected in the work and results of the Inquiry, I will be issuing a revised Terms of Reference for the Inquiry. As a result, it would not be productive to continue with the Section 5 Inquiry before May 31, 2010, by which time the amended Terms of Reference will be available. During this period, I would not expect the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) to request or receive submissions from Inquiry participants, other than those required for administrative purposes to suspend the Inquiry.

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I recognize that the timelines currently set out in Section 13 of the Terms of Reference cannot be met if the Inquiry is suspended until May 31, 2010. I will be requesting input from the BCUC on revising the timelines to reflect the delay to the process.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Blair Lekstrom
Minister

pc: Mr. Bob Elton
President and Chief Executive Officer
BC Hydro

Ms. Janet Woodruff
Interim President
British Columbia Transmission Corporation

Mr. John Walker
President and Chief Executive Officer
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