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Dear Name:

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

BC Hydro and BC Transmission Corporation recently held nine regional consultation workshops across B.C. to introduce the BC Utilities Commission's inquiry into B.C.'s long-term transmission infrastructure and capacity needs. Summary notes from the workshops are now posted on BC Hydro's website at:

[http://www.bchydro.com/planning\\_regulatory/regulatory/long\\_term\\_electricity\\_transmission\\_inquiry/consultation\\_with\\_first\\_nations.html](http://www.bchydro.com/planning_regulatory/regulatory/long_term_electricity_transmission_inquiry/consultation_with_first_nations.html)

**First Round Consultation**

During the first round of workshops, First Nations expressed interest in receiving more information on a number of topics which can be found at the websites listed below. If you require a hard copy of this information please let us know.

- BC Hydro's Long-Term Acquisition Plan  
[http://www.bchydro.com/planning\\_regulatory/integrated\\_electricity\\_planning/2008\\_ltap.html](http://www.bchydro.com/planning_regulatory/integrated_electricity_planning/2008_ltap.html)



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- BC Transmission Corporation's Ten Year Capital Plan  
[http://www.bctc.com/regulatory\\_filings/capital\\_plan/current\\_capital\\_plans/F2010+and+F2011+Transmission+System+Capital+Plan.html](http://www.bctc.com/regulatory_filings/capital_plan/current_capital_plans/F2010+and+F2011+Transmission+System+Capital+Plan.html)
- Maps of the Existing Bulk and Regional Transmission Systems  
[http://www.bctc.com/transmission\\_system/maps/](http://www.bctc.com/transmission_system/maps/)
- Vegetation Management  
[http://www.bchydro.com/safety/vegetation\\_and\\_powerlines.html](http://www.bchydro.com/safety/vegetation_and_powerlines.html)  
[http://www.bctc.com/community/trees\\_vegetation/](http://www.bctc.com/community/trees_vegetation/)
- Business Development and Procurement  
[http://www.bchydro.com/community/aboriginal\\_relations/principles.html#Community\\_and\\_Economic\\_Development](http://www.bchydro.com/community/aboriginal_relations/principles.html#Community_and_Economic_Development)  
[http://www.bctc.com/about\\_bctc/vendor\\_opportunities/aboriginal\\_business\\_development/](http://www.bctc.com/about_bctc/vendor_opportunities/aboriginal_business_development/)  
[https://www.bcaboriginalvendors.ca/aboriginal\\_vendors/](https://www.bcaboriginalvendors.ca/aboriginal_vendors/)

## **Second Round Consultation**

BC Hydro and BC Transmission Corporation are now planning a second round of nine regional consultation workshops for September and October of this year. Attached is a list of dates and locations for the upcoming regional First Nations' workshops (refer to Appendix I to this letter). A pre-reading package and information on capacity funding and registration will follow in the coming weeks.

At these workshops, BC Hydro and BC Transmission Corporation will be seeking First Nations' input on a variety of topics including regional resource potential, future demand for electricity, scenario development and preliminary transmission plans/options.

In Round 2 of the First Nations Consultation Process, we will be seeking information on the draft assessment of generation resource option potential and also areas inappropriate for development in order to reflect the input from the consultation into BC Hydro's November filing (tentatively scheduled for late November) in the Transmission Inquiry process. In the context of BC Transmission's scenario analysis information, BC Hydro also expects it will be discussing two inputs it has contributed to the scenarios: domestic load scenarios and demand-side management options.

BC Hydro envisions its presentation on generation resource option potential as focussing on the (1) identified resource potential; (2) the filters that have been applied to



exclude some of the potential; and (3) the generation resource option clusters (areas of capacity-dense generation resources) that have been identified. In terms of consulting on areas inappropriate for development, BC Hydro is guided by the BCUC Decision on Scope (Exhibit A-18 in the Transmission Inquiry process) which states that the BCUC will consider presentations, evidence and submissions from First Nations with respect to broad-based concerns or issues related to generation in their territories; however, they will not review individual generation sites, and are not persuaded that detailed review of land use plans is necessary.

In order to provide First Nations participants time to prepare for the discussions on resource options, BC Hydro has identified a number of questions it anticipates using concerning its assessment of generation resource option potential during the next round of workshops. First Nations are encouraged to review and consider these questions in advance of attending the workshop. BC Hydro will incorporate input received at these workshops and is also recommending that there be a three week period following each workshop for BC Hydro to receive written submissions from First Nations. BC Hydro welcomes comments and feedback on this timeline directed to the contact information identified below.

**Resource Options Questions are divided into three parts:**

- Questions in Part A are designed to elicit information that can be used by BC Hydro for input into BC Transmission Corporation's transmission scenario creation, development and analysis process. Specifically, BC Hydro and BC Transmission Corporation envision using the information received from First Nations to conduct a sensitivity analysis on the size of the generation resource option clusters for the purposes of understanding how BC Transmission Corporation's resulting transmission plan may be affected (refer to Appendix II to this letter).
- The questions in Part B were asked by BC Hydro at the July 23, 2009 Workshop on Generation Resource Option Potential. These same questions will be asked specifically to First Nations in the second round of consultation workshops that will be held commencing on September 29, 2009 (refer to Appendix II to this letter).
- Part C contains an open-ended question to facilitate the collection of comments from First Nations on other issues related to resource options that may not have been addressed in Parts A and B (refer to Appendix II to this letter).

To assist First Nations in examining these questions, BC Hydro is investigating the option of a web-based tool, which would assist in sharing BC Hydro's understanding of generation resource option potential in areas of interest. We will notify and provide First

Nations with information about this tool as soon as information is available, which we expect will be in early to mid September. BC Hydro is also prepared to provide hard copies of the information to those who express an interest.

We look forward to hearing your input, and to continuing the dialogue on long-term transmission planning we started earlier this year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at [transmission.inquiry@bchydro.com](mailto:transmission.inquiry@bchydro.com) or by phone at 1-877-461-0161 extension 3.

Sincerely,



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## APPENDIX I

### Consultation on BC Hydro & BC Transmission Corporation's Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry Evidence and Information – Round Two Regional Consultation Workshop Schedule

Region	City	Date & Time	Location
South Mainland West	Vancouver	Sep 29, 2009 9:30-2:30	Centre for Dialogue Simon Fraser University 580 West Hastings Street, Vancouver 778-782-5800
Southern Interior West	Kamloops	Oct 2, 2009 9:30-2:30	Four Points by Sheraton 1175 Rogers Way, Kamloops 250-374-4144
Southern Vancouver Island	Nanaimo	Oct 7, 2009 9:30-2:30	Vancouver Island Conference Centre 101 Gordon Street, Nanaimo 250-244-4050
Mid Coast & Northern Vancouver Island	Campbell River	Oct 8, 2009 9:30-2:30	Coast Discovery Inn & Marina 975 Shoppers Row, (250)-287-7155
Southern Interior East	Cranbrook	Oct 14, 2009 9:30-2:30	St. Eugene Golf Resort & Casino 7777 Mission Road, Cranbrook, 1-866-292-2020
Central Interior	Prince George	Oct 20, 2009 9:30-2:30	Coast Inn of the North 770 Brunswick Street, Prince George 1-800-716-6199
Northern Interior	Fort St. John	Oct 23, 2009 9:30-2:30	Pomeroy Hotel 11308 Alaska Road, Fort St. John 1-866-618-3233
South Mainland East	Abbotsford	Oct 26, 2009 9:30-2:30	Ramada Inn 36035 North Parallel Road, Abbotsford 1-888-411-1070
North Coast	Prince Rupert	Oct 29, 2009 9:30-2:30	Crest Prince Rupert Hotel 222 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue West, Prince Rupert 1-800-663-8150

Please check for updates to this schedule on BC Hydro's Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry website: [www.bchydro.com/transmissioninquiry](http://www.bchydro.com/transmissioninquiry).



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## APPENDIX II

### Round 2 Consultation Workshops - Resource Options

#### Part A

- In the view of your First Nation(s), what are the considerations (e.g. cultural, environmental, legal, financial etc...) for resource development in your territory?
- In the view of your First Nation(s), what resource potential in your territory is suitable for development? What are the reasons related to areas not suitable for development?
- Is your territory located within identified clusters of resources?
  - If yes,
    - How many clusters and which ones?
    - Assuming development can occur on terms that you find satisfactory, in your view, what percentages of resources in each of the cluster(s) where your territory is located are suitable for development? [Note: As this information is being used in a sensitivity analysis, percentages do not need to be exact (e.g.: +/- 10%).]
    - What are the reasons related to areas not suitable for development (e.g.: environmental, cultural, heritage or other identifiable concerns relating to conflicting uses)?
  - If no, do you have comments on the percentage of resources suitable for development in cluster(s) not in your territory?
- What are the resources that you prefer to see developed in the cluster(s) where your territory is located?
- Are there any resource options in the cluster(s) where your territory is located which you would prefer not to see developed?
- From the available database (weblink or CD), for your First Nation territory, were you able to develop an understanding of the geographic location and extent of the presently estimated potential energy resource options?



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- Are your First Nation's Lands under active negotiation or interim protection?
- Does your First Nation prefer that the use of lands and water satisfy local energy needs?
- Does your First Nation support use of lands and water to satisfy domestic (BC) energy needs?
- Does your First Nations support use of lands and water to satisfy export business opportunities?

**Part B**

- Have you identified any gaps between BC Hydro's proposed dataset and your dataset?
- Have you identified data overlap causing double counting of potential resources?
- In the view of your First Nation is the resource option potential in any geographical area over- or under-represented

**Part C**

- Please provide any additional information on your First Nation's interests in resource options



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