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Dear name:

As part of the Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry ("Transmission Inquiry"), BC Hydro is holding a technical workshop on resource option potential on July 23, 2009 at the Fairmont Waterfront in Vancouver. This workshop is the first opportunity for First Nations and registered participants in the British Columbia Utilities Commission's ("BCUC") Transmission Inquiry to provide comment on BC Hydro's information on resource option potential in B.C.

BC Hydro anticipates presenting similar material to First Nation communities and seeking feedback on this material from First Nations during the second round of the Transmission Inquiry consultation process. This technical workshop on July 23, 2009, however, is an additional opportunity that BC Hydro would like to make available to First Nations.

The workshop will largely consist of BC Hydro presenting its draft assessment of resource option potential in B.C. This information is primarily based on information from BC Hydro's most recent Long-Term Acquisition Plan ("LTAP"), but will also be supplemented with some newer information. Workshop participants will be given the opportunity to comment on BC Hydro's characterization of resource option potential in geographic regions, both at the workshop and in a written comment process to follow.

If you are not able to attend the workshop and are interested in reviewing the materials, BC Hydro will be posting copies of the workshop information at <http://www.bchydro.com/transmissioninquiry>.



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In addition, hard copies of the materials can be sent to those who indicate an interest to the contact information listed below.

If you are planning on attending the workshop, BC Hydro will provide participant and travel funding for First Nation participants on the same terms as the participant funding provided to First Nations who attend the regional workshops that are being held as part of BC Hydro's consultation process on BC Hydro and BC Transmission Corporation's evidence and submissions into the BCUC's Transmission Inquiry. The terms and conditions for this funding and the application form are attached.

Please note, if you are registered as a participant in the BCUC Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry, you may have already received notification by e-mail of this workshop by BC Hydro.

Further details on the workshop are attached to this letter. If you have any additional questions about this workshop, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at transmission.inquiry@bchydro.com or by telephone at 1-877-461-0161 extension 3.

Best regards,



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Attachment

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



**Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry
BC Hydro Workshop on Resource Option Potential
Workshop Details**

Location	The Fairmont Waterfront Mackenzie Room 900 Canada Place Way Vancouver, BC
Date & Time	July 23, 2009 8:30 am: Registration 9:00 am – 12:00 pm: Workshop

Workshop Topics

- Introduction to the BC Hydro Resource Options component of the Inquiry;
- Presentation of the Resource Options information from the 2008 LTAP and new information;
- Presentation of the Resource Option potential mapped across geographic regions of B.C.; and
- Outline of the written Comment process for First Nations and participants to provide information on the Resource Options information.



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Please fax your reply to Rhea Halfnight LeFlufy at 1-888-583-4129

**Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry
BC Hydro Workshop on Resource Option Potential
Registration Form**

First Nation, Tribal Council or First Nation Organization

Name of Designated Representative

Name of Designated Representative (If Applicable)

Names of Additional Participants (Not Eligible for Participant Funding)

First Nation, Tribal Council or First Nation Organization Mailing Address

Telephone

Fax

Email Address

Contact Information for the BC Hydro & BC Transmission Corporation Long-Term Transmission Inquiry Consultation:

Phone: 1-877-461-0161 ext 3

Fax: 1-888-583-4129

Email: transmission.inquiry@bchydro.com



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**Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry
BC Hydro Workshop on Resource Option Potential
First Nation Participant and Travel Funding Guidelines**

Participant funding will be provided for two representatives from each First Nation and one representative from each Tribal Council and each First Nation Organization¹ in the province to attend the workshop on resource option potential on July 23, 2009 in Vancouver. Participant funding will be paid out at a rate of **\$500 per representative**, and paid directly to the First Nation, Tribal Council or First Nation Organization whose designated representative(s) attend(s) the workshop.

Where applicable, BC Hydro will reimburse the cost of travel expenses incurred by each designated representative to travel from their First Nation, Tribal Council or First Nation Organization office to the workshop, as per the amounts set out below.

Meal Expense ² - If attending workshop from out of town.	\$45.00 per day
Mileage - From the First Nation, Tribal Council or First Nation Organization office, to the location of the nearest regional workshop – applicable for travel of 25 km or more.	\$0.52 per kilometre
Hotel Accommodation - Applicable when the First Nation, Tribal Council or First Nation Organization offices are more than 50 km from the nearest regional workshop location.	\$125.00
Airfare/Ferry Fare - Subject to pre-approval of BC Hydro and providing a receipt.	Full cost of an economy class ticket

Please note that BC Hydro will not be providing participant or travel funding to participate in the British Columbia Utilities Commission's Inquiry process. To access the British Columbia Utilities Commission's participant funding guidelines, please visit the British Columbia Utilities Commission website at www.bcuc.com.

Participant Funding Payments

To receive participant funding for attending a workshop, the attached **Registration Form** will need to be completed with the names of the designated representatives attending the workshop. Each participant will be asked to sign-in on arrival at the workshop. After each workshop, a cheque will be mailed to each First Nation, Tribal Council or First Nation Organization to cover the participant and travel costs of their designated representative(s).

Travel expenses can be claimed by completing the attached **Participant Funding Travel Expense Claim Form** and submitting it to BC Hydro within 60 days after the workshop.

¹ The First Nation Organizations are: First Nation Energy and Mining Council, the BC Assembly of First Nations, the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, and the First Nation Summit.

² Complimentary morning snacks will be provided at the workshop sessions.



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**Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry
BC Hydro Workshop on Resource Option Potential
Participant Funding Travel Expense Claim Form**

First Nation or Tribal Council: _____

Name of Designated Representative: _____

Date	Detail of Expenses	Amount
TOTAL		

I hereby certify that all expenses claimed were incurred to attend the BC Hydro Workshop on Resource Option Potential rated to the British Columbia Utilities Commission’s Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry.

Signature of Claimant

Date

Reimbursement cheques for Travel Expenses will be issued to the applicable First Nation, Tribal Council or First Nation Organization. Where necessary please attach receipts.

Please return this completed to:

**Rhea Halfnight LeFlufy
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