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(Addressee full mailing address)  
Sent by facsimile to (fax number).

Dear xxxx:

**Re: Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry - First Nations Consultation**

Under the recently amended *Utilities Commission Act*, the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("BCUC") is directed by the Provincial Government to conduct a Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry ("Inquiry") to make determinations with respect to British Columbia's infrastructure and capacity needs for electricity transmission over the next 30 years.

We anticipate that the Inquiry will look at a range of electricity related topics including:

- Generation resource potential in the province by region;
- Projected demand for electricity; and
- Opportunities for trade in electric power with neighbouring jurisdictions.

BC Hydro will be conducting consultation with First Nations in B.C. regarding the information that BC Hydro and the BC Transmission Corporation will be submitting to the Inquiry.

To initiate this consultation, BC Hydro and BC Transmission Corporation are planning regional workshops with First Nations in June and July of this year. Attached is a list of dates and locations for the upcoming First Nations' workshops. Information on capacity funding for attendance and how to register will follow in the coming weeks.



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The consultation by BC Hydro is not intended to preclude or replace First Nations' participation in the BCUC's process. First Nations are encouraged to participate directly in the BCUC proceeding. The BCUC has sent letters to each First Nation and Tribal Council in B.C. as well as the First Nations Energy and Mining Council inviting their participation in the Inquiry. For more information on the BCUC process, please visit [www.bcuc.com](http://www.bcuc.com) or contact the BCUC by email at [commission.secretary@bcuc.com](mailto:commission.secretary@bcuc.com) or by phone at 1-800-663-1385.

For additional information on BC Hydro's consultation with First Nations on BC Hydro and BC Transmission Corporation's submissions, please contact us by email at [transmission.inquiry@bchydro.com](mailto:transmission.inquiry@bchydro.com) or by phone at 1-877-461-0161.

We look forward to hearing your input.

Sincerely,

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**First Nations Regional Consultation Workshops:**

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).

Region	City	Date & Time	Location
South Mainland West	Surrey	June 9, 2009 9:30-3:30	Simon Fraser University Surrey Campus 13345 102nd Avenue, Surrey 1-866-619-6338
Mid Coast & Northern Vancouver Island	Campbell River	June 15, 2009 9:30-3:30	Coast Discovery Inn & Marina 975 Shoppers Row, Campbell River 250-287-7155
Southern Vancouver Island	Nanaimo	June 16, 2006 9:30-3:30	Vancouver Island Conference Centre 101 Gordon Street, Nanaimo 250-244-4050
South Mainland East	Abbotsford	June 19, 2009 9:30-3:30	Ramada Inn 36035 North Parallel Road, Abbotsford 1-888-411-1070
Southern Interior East	Cranbrook	June 23, 2009 9:30-3:30	St. Eugene Golf Resort & Casino 7777 Mission Road, Cranbrook, 1-866-292-2020
Southern Interior West	Kamloops	July 6, 2009 9:30-3:30	Forster's Convention Centre at the Kamloops Towne Lodge 1250 Rogers Way, Kamloops 1-800-665-6674
Northern Interior	Fort St. John	July 8, 2009 9:30-3:30	Quality Inn Northern Grand 9830 – 100th Avenue, Fort St. John. 1-800-663-8312
Central Interior	Prince George	July 10, 2009 9:30-3:30	Coast Inn of the North 770 Brunswick Street, Prince George 1-800-716-6199
North Coast	Prince Rupert	July 17, 2009 9:30-3:30	Highliner Plaza Hotel & Conference Center 815 1st Avenue West, Prince Rupert 1-877-705-7666