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September 3, 2009

Chief  
First Nation  
Mailing Address  
Sent by facsimile to: (###)###-####

Dear Chief:

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

On August 25, 2009, we wrote to inform you that the first round of consultation workshops on BC Hydro and the BC Transmission Corporation's Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry Evidence and Information had been completed, and to introduce our second round of consultation workshops. At these upcoming 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 preparation for the upcoming workshops, BC Hydro and BC Transmission Corporation have identified a number of potential questions for discussion (see below) and will be sending out copies of the information that will be submitted to the Commission on September 18, 2009. An overview of this information will be provided at the workshop to facilitate dialogue and First Nations input. Following the workshops, BC Hydro and BC Transmission Corporation are recommending there will be a three week comment period to submit additional information or comments to BC Hydro and BC Transmission.

In our letter of August 25, 2009, we also identified a number of questions BC Hydro anticipates using concerning its assessment of generation resource option potential during the next round of workshops. These questions fall into three categories:

- Questions designed to elicit information that can be used for input into BC Transmission Corporation's transmission scenario creation, development and analysis process;



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- Questions asked by BC Hydro at the July 23, 2009 Workshop on Generation Resource Option Potential; and
- 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 the above questions.

If you did not receive the August 25, 2009 letter, please contact us at the email address or phone number listed below.

### **BC Transmission Corporation Questions**

1. Are there any issues that would encourage or prohibit the development of transmission lines in your territory such as:
  - a. Revenue sharing, business and economic development opportunities, access to generation resources owned by First Nations, etc; and
  - b. Environmentally sensitive areas, protection of heritage and sacred sites, impacts on fishing/hunting grounds, etc.
2. How should the potential impact of any new transmission line(s) in your territory be accounted for within the scenarios?

### **Round Two Workshop Registration and Participant Funding Information** (See Attachment)

Further to our August 25, 2009 letter, we are now providing you with additional information on registration and participant/travel funding that will be offered for participation at the consultation workshops. Please find attached the fall consultation workshop schedule, workshop registration form, participant funding guidelines and travel expense claim form.

To receive participant funding for attending a workshop, First Nations, Tribal Councils and First Nation Organizations will be asked to register their designated representatives for that consultation workshop. To register for the workshop in your region, please fill out the attached form and fax it to 1-888-583-4129.

Please note, as per the attached guidelines, participant funding will be provided to designated representatives only, but all First Nations are invited to attend the consultation workshops.



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We welcome and encourage your participation in our consultation workshops this fall, and we look forward to continuing the discussion on long-term electricity transmission planning we began with First Nations 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,

*S. Sanatani*

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



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

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	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



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

**Consultation on BC Hydro & BC Transmission Corporation's Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry Evidence and Information – Registration Form**

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**First Nation, Tribal Council or First Nation Organization**

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**Name of Designated Representative**

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**Name of Designated Representative (If Applicable)**

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**Names of Additional Participants (Not Eligible for Participant Funding)**

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**Location of Consultation Workshop**

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**Date of Consultation Workshop**

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**First Nation, Tribal Council or First Nation Organization Mailing Address**

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**Telephone**

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**Fax**

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**Email Address**

Contact Information for the BC Hydro & BC Transmission Corporation Long-term Transmission Inquiry Consultation:  
Phone: 1-877-461-0161  
Fax: 1-888-583-4129  
Email: [Transmission.Inquiry@BCHydro.com](mailto:Transmission.Inquiry@BCHydro.com)



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## Consultation on BC Hydro & BC Transmission Corporation's Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry Evidence and Information – BC Hydro First Nation Participant and Travel Funding Guidelines

Participant funding<sup>1</sup> will be provided for two representatives from each First Nation and one representative from each Tribal Council and each First Nation Organization<sup>2</sup> in the province to attend one consultation workshop during each round of workshops. Participant funding will be paid out at a rate of **\$500 per representative per workshop**, and paid directly to the First Nation, Tribal Council or First Nation Organization whose designated representative(s) attend(s) a consultation 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 located nearest to that office<sup>3</sup>, as per the amounts set out below. Further information on reimbursement of travel expenses not previously specified in the Participant and Travel Funding Guidelines is set out in footnote 3 below.

### **Participant Funding Payments**

To receive participant funding for attending a consultation workshop, the attached **Registration Form** will need to be completed with the names of the designated representative(s) attending the workshop. Each participant in a workshop will be asked to sign-in upon 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.

<b>Meal Expense</b> <sup>4</sup> - If attending workshop from out of town.	\$45.00 per day
<b>Mileage</b> - From the First Nation, Tribal Council or First Nation Organization office, to the location of the nearest consultation workshop – applicable for travel of 25 km or more <sup>3</sup> .	\$0.52 per kilometre
<b>Hotel Accommodation</b> - Applicable when the First Nation, Tribal Council or First Nation Organization offices are more than 50 km from the nearest consultation workshop location.	\$125.00
<b>Airfare/Ferry Fare</b> - Subject to pre-approval of BC Hydro and providing receipt.	Full cost of an economy class ticket

<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.bcuc.com).

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> In the event that a participant attends a consultation workshop, and, where air travel is available and appropriate in the circumstances but the participant chooses to travel by vehicle, the mileage claim is limited to the lesser of the actual mileage and the lowest equivalent airfare available.

<sup>4</sup> Complimentary morning snacks and lunch will be provided at the workshop sessions.



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**Consultation on BC Hydro & BC Transmission Corporation's Long-Term  
Electricity Transmission Inquiry Evidence and Information –  
Participant Funding Travel Expense Claim Form**

**Date/Location of Consultation Workshop:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Designated Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Nation/Tribal Council:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Detail of Expenses	Amount
	<b>Total:</b>	

I hereby certify that all expenses claimed were incurred to attend a BC Hydro/BC Transmission Corporation workshop related to the British Columbia Utilities Commission's Long-Term Electricity Transmission Inquiry.

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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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