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Ms. Alanna Gillis
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Dear Ms. Gillis:

**RE: British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC)
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
Annual Reporting of Reliability Indices
Annual Response to Directive 26 of BCUC Decision on F2005/F2006
Revenue Requirements Application (F05/F06 RRA)**

BC Hydro is writing to the BCUC to provide its annual reporting of reliability indices, in compliance with Directive 26 of the BCUC's decision on BC Hydro's F05/F06 RRA.

BC Hydro submitted its initial distribution and generation reliability indices compliance filing in September 2005, and subsequently reported the available reliability indices in May 2006 as part of the F2007/F2008 RRA. BC Hydro filed annual reports to the BCUC on these reliability indices in May 2007, May 2008, April 2009, and April 2010. Transmission system reliability indices for previous years were provided separately by the British Columbia Transmission Corporation in its Transmission System Capital Plan filings.

In this filing, BC Hydro is providing reliability indices for distribution and transmission performance through F2010, and generation performance through F2011.

Directive 26 of the F05/F06 RRA Decision

"The Commission Panel expects BC Hydro and BCTC to present their reliability indices (SAIFI, SAIDI, CAIDI, ASAI, SARI, MAIFI, generation forced outages, availability, and generation outage rates) both combined and disaggregated (where applicable) on an annual basis with comparisons to CEA averages."

Distribution and Transmission Update

The most recent annual Canadian Electricity Association (**CEA**) reports for distribution and transmission include the 2010 Annual Service Continuity Report on Distribution System Performance in Electrical Utilities and the CEA Bulk Electricity System. The

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comparative information for BC Hydro is provided in Attachment 1 in tabular and graphical form, both overall and disaggregated for the distribution and transmission system.

Generation Performance Update

Until April 2, 2009, BC Hydro presented generation reliability statistics on a calendar year basis. As a result of changing the system by which generation reliability statistics were recorded, as of April 1, 2009 BC Hydro provided generation statistics on a fiscal year basis. CEA calendar year data will be provided for comparison, as is done with BC Hydro distribution and transmission reliability statistics.

The most recent annual CEA report on generation performance is the 2009 Generation Equipment Status Annual Report. CEA data on generation performance for the 2010 calendar year are not yet available. The CEA generation data (2009 and earlier) along with BC Hydro's reliability indices through F2011 are presented in tabular and graphical form in Attachment 2. The CEA Generation Equipment Status Annual Report includes only internal outages (i.e., generation-caused outages); therefore, for comparison purposes, the BC Hydro generation reliability data are reported in the same manner.

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Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure

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Attachment

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Distribution and Transmission Indices

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This section includes the following distribution and transmission indices:

SAIFI	a measure of the number of sustained interruptions (longer than one minute) an average distribution customer will experience over the course of a year;
T-SAIFI-MI	a measure of transmission interruptions of less than one minute in duration that a delivery point experiences during a given period;
T-SAIFI-SI	a measure of transmission interruptions of one minute or more that a delivery point experiences during a given period;
T-SAIDI	a measure of the average total interruption duration, in hours, that a delivery point experiences during a given period;
SAIDI	a measure of the amount of time, in hours, an average distribution customer is without power in a year;
CAIDI	a measure of the average interruption, in hours, per interrupted distribution customer;
%ASAI	a measure of the percentage of time service is available in the year;
MAIFI	a measure of the frequency of momentary (less than one minute) interruptions per distribution customer served;
DPUI	a measure of overall bulk electricity system performance in terms of a composite index of unreliability expressed in system minutes during a year. It takes into account all forced and planned outages except interruptions attributed to generators; and
SARI	a measure of the average restoration time, in hours, for each transmission delivery point.

As noted in Provision 9x of the F2011 Revenue Requirements Application Negotiated Settlement Agreement, BC Hydro is also reporting its CEMI-4 reliability metric, and SAIFI, SAIDI, CAIDI, ASAI, and CEMI-4 metrics normalized using the IEEE 2.5 Beta method. CEMI-4 is the percentage of customers experiencing four or more outages during a 12-month period. CEMI-4 is not benchmarked externally as utilities are at varying stages in their development of this metric.

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Table 1 Reliability Indices – BC Hydro Overall and CEA Overall

Year	BC Hydro Overall				CEA Overall			
	SAIFI	SAIDI	CAIDI	%ASAI	SAIFI	SAIDI	CAIDI	%ASAI
F1997	1.43	2.95	2.03	99.966%	2.39	2.86	1.20	99.967%
F1998	1.13	2.00	1.76	99.977%	2.35	3.70	1.57	99.958%
F1999	1.50	4.23	2.82	99.952%	2.40	3.32	1.38	99.962%
F2000	1.21	2.28	1.88	99.974%	2.59	4.31	1.67	99.951%
F2001	1.18	2.51	2.13	99.971%	2.26	3.23	1.43	99.963%
F2002	1.41	3.60	2.55	99.959%	2.41	3.67	1.52	99.958%
F2003	1.45	3.77	2.60	99.957%	2.33	4.06	1.74	99.954%
F2004	1.63	4.51	2.77	99.949%	2.67	10.65	3.99	99.878%
F2005	1.47	3.96	2.69	99.955%	1.98	3.95	2.00	99.955%
F2006	1.78	3.82	2.15	99.956%	2.13	4.80	2.26	99.945%
F2007	2.78	11.40	4.09	99.870%	2.53	7.85	3.11	99.910%
F2008	1.90	5.68	2.99	99.935%	2.32	5.47	2.36	99.938%
F2009	1.92	5.24	2.73	99.940%	2.34	6.29	2.69	99.928%
F2010	1.71	4.25	2.49	99.952%	2.01	4.20	2.09	99.952%

Table 2 Reliability Indices – BC Hydro (Distribution) and CEA (Distribution)

Year	BC Hydro (Distribution)				CEA (Distribution)			
	SAIFI	SAIDI	CAIDI	%ASAI	SAIFI	SAIDI	CAIDI	%ASAI
F1997	0.88	2.35	2.64	99.973%	1.74	2.39	1.38	99.973%
F1998	0.70	1.60	2.28	99.982%	1.70	3.21	1.87	99.963%
F1999	1.02	3.61	3.54	99.959%	1.69	2.82	1.67	99.968%
F2000	0.65	1.80	2.78	99.979%	1.93	3.80	1.97	99.957%
F2001	0.73	1.98	2.72	99.977%	1.77	2.83	1.60	99.968%
F2002	0.86	2.94	3.43	99.966%	1.86	3.19	1.71	99.964%
F2003	0.89	3.18	3.59	99.964%	1.74	3.55	2.03	99.960%
F2004	1.21	3.50	2.89	99.960%	1.89	5.69	3.01	99.935%
F2005	1.06	3.57	3.35	99.959%	1.56	3.49	2.24	99.960%
F2006	1.25	3.27	2.61	99.963%	1.74	4.33	2.49	99.951%
F2007	2.29	10.49	4.58	99.880%	2.11	7.35	3.49	99.916%
F2008	1.45	5.01	3.44	99.943%	1.86	4.94	2.66	99.944%
F2009	1.42	4.54	3.21	99.948%	1.88	5.65	3.01	99.936%
F2010	1.21	3.61	2.98	99.959%	1.59	3.63	2.28	99.959%

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Table 3 Reliability Indices – BC Hydro Overall– Normalized using IEEE 2.5 Beta method

Year	BC Hydro Overall – Normalized using IEEE 2.5 Beta method				
	SAIFI	SAIDI	CAIDI	CEMI-4 %	%ASAI
F2010	1.52	3.50	2.29	13.18%	99.960%

Table 4 Reliability Indices – BC Hydro CEMI-4 Overall

Year	BC Hydro Overall
	CEMI-4 %
F2010	15.22%

Note: CEA does not survey for CEMI-4 or IEEE 2.5 Beta

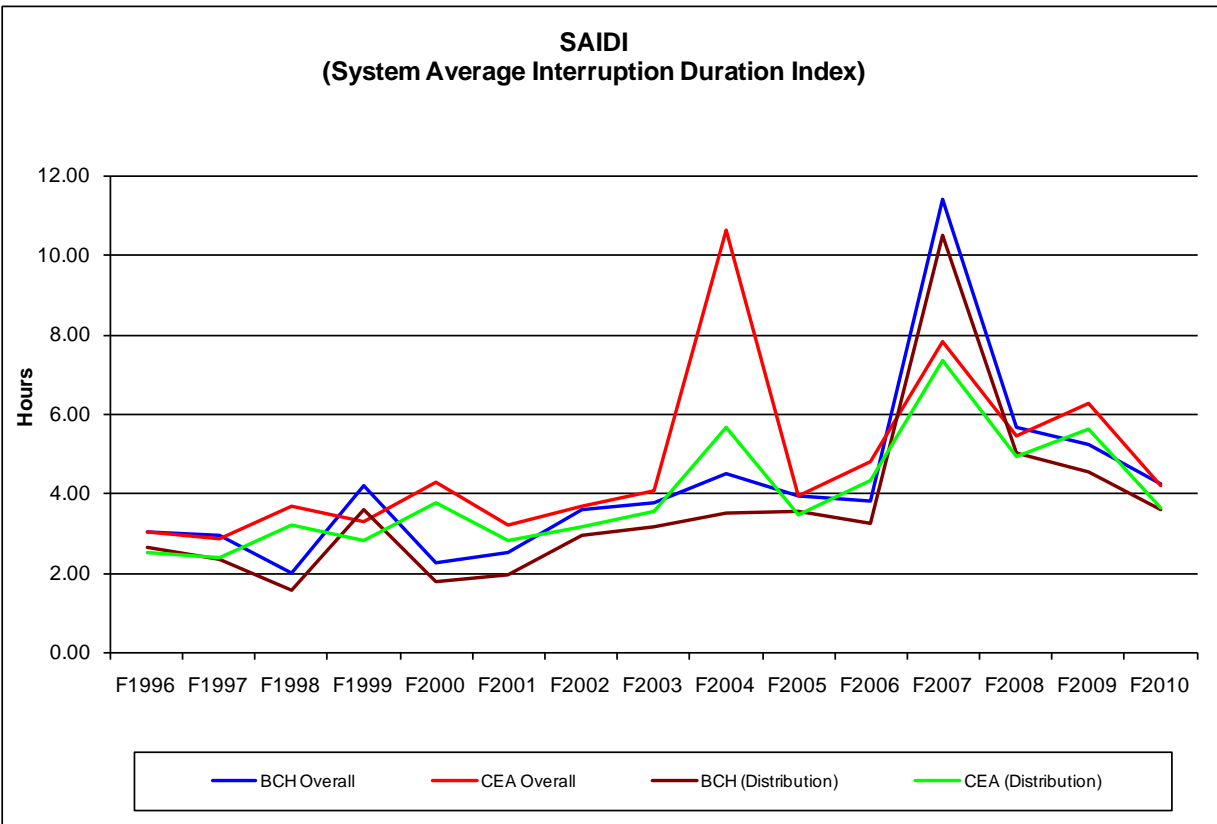
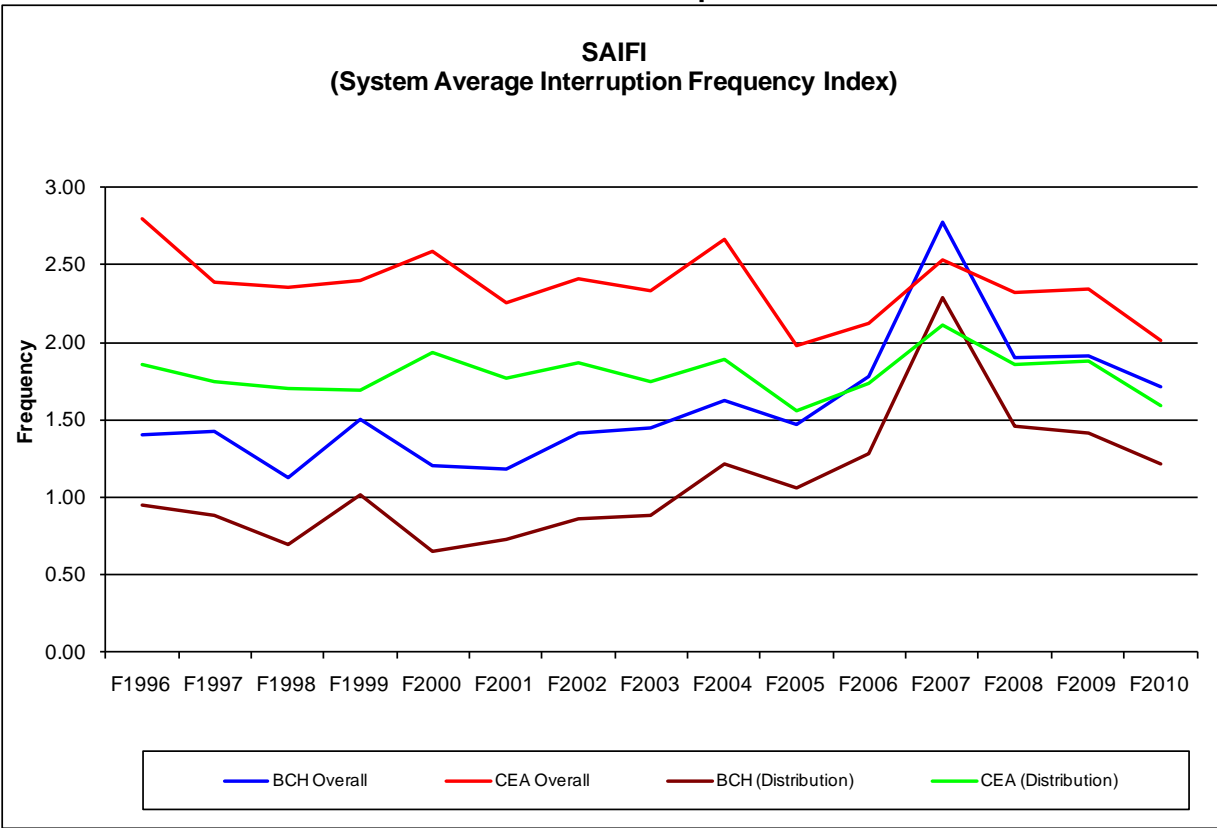
Table 5 Reliability Indices – BC Hydro (Transmission) and CEA (Transmission) (Forced Data)

Year	BC Hydro (Transmission) (Forced)					CEA (Transmission) (Forced)				
	T-SAIFI-MI	T-SAIFI-SI	T-SAIDI	DPUI	SARI	T-SAIFI-MI	T-SAIFI-SI	T-SAIDI	DPUI	SARI
F2004	0.53	0.76	1.92	27.47	7.84	1.12	0.80	2.74	25.65	3.86
F2005	0.90	0.82	1.68	18.02	1.96	0.67	0.85	1.51	21.00	1.65
F2006	0.75	0.91	1.73	25.31	1.87	0.81	0.85	1.29	32.00	1.52
F2007	1.26	1.11	3.80	47.16	1.87	0.91	0.79	1.54	25.51	1.52
F2008	0.87	0.83	2.11	50.54	3.40	0.87	0.74	1.30	18.82	1.94
F2009	0.65	0.72	1.93	35.13	2.42	0.64	0.75	1.23	21.48	1.64
F2010	0.72	1.02	2.31	26.99	2.44	1.01	0.71	1.41	24.98	1.98

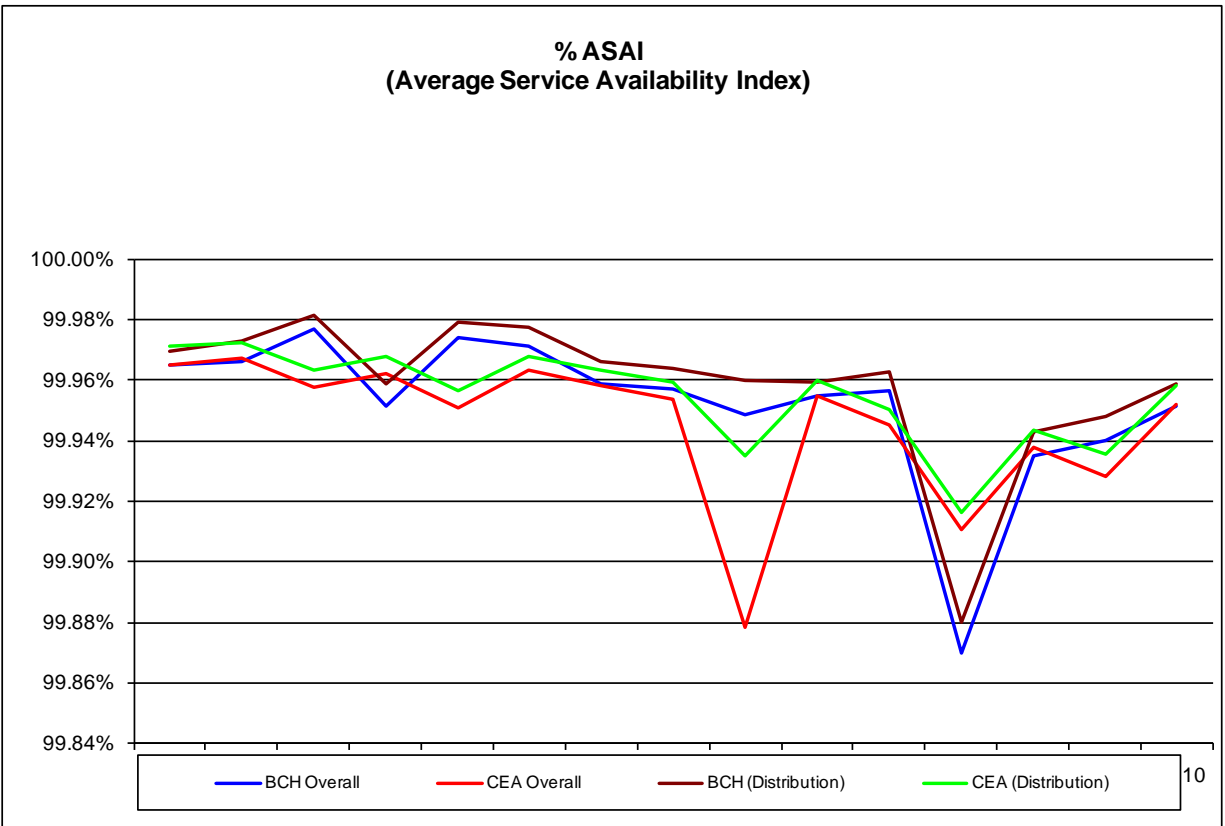
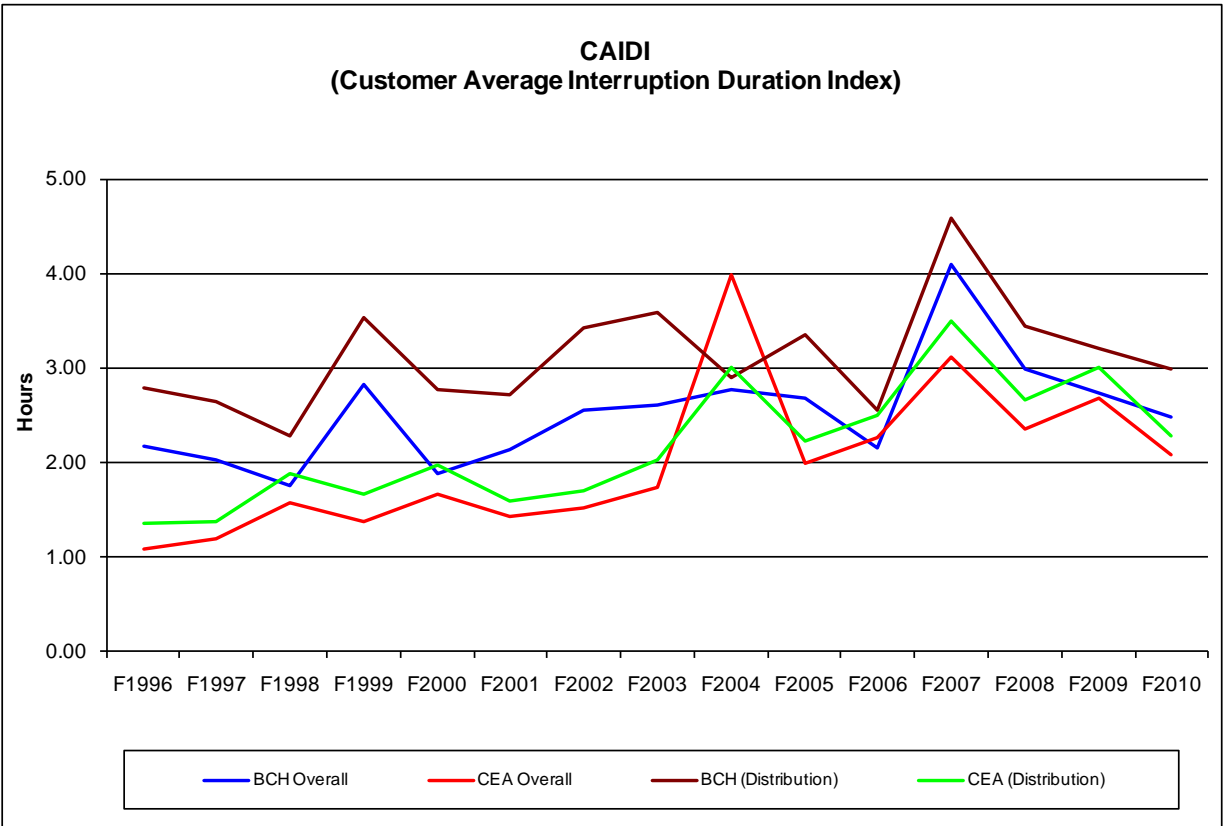
Note: The CEA Bulk Electricity Study program reports only on forced outage results as not all the participating utilities report planned outages.

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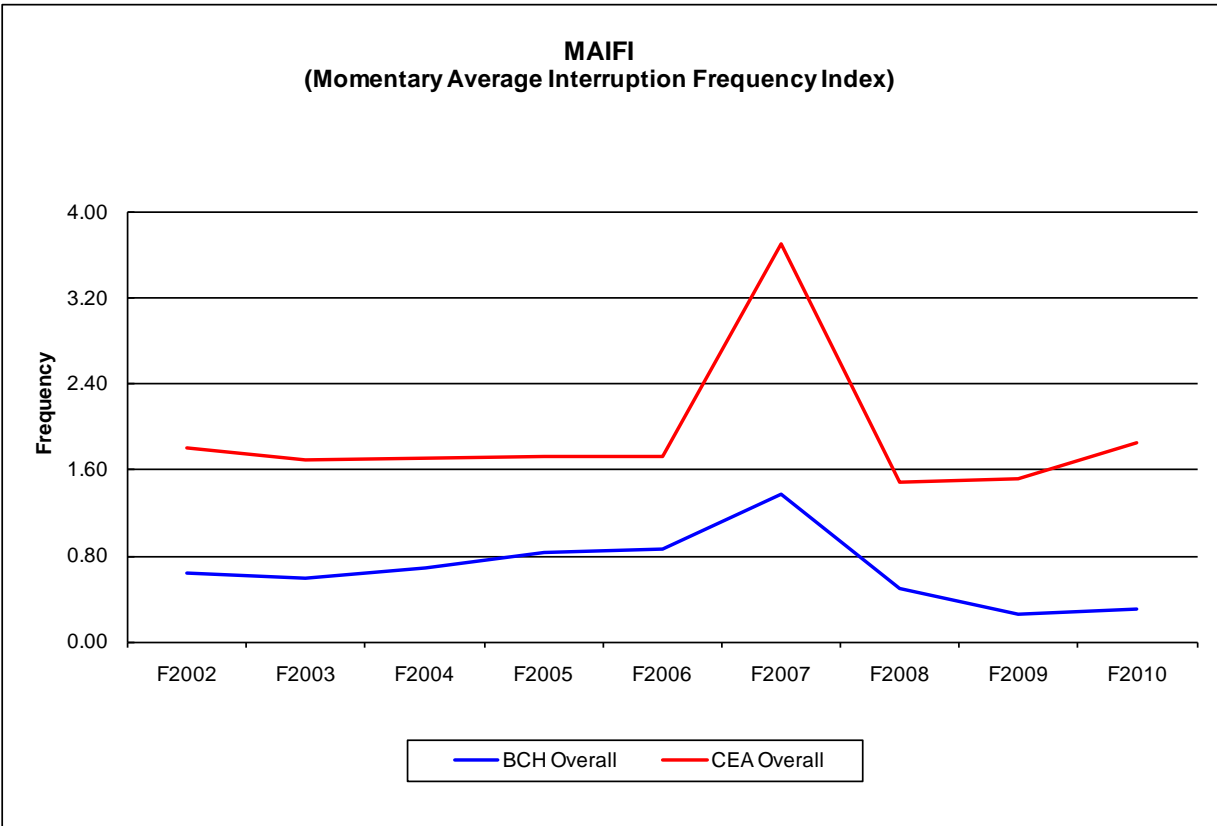
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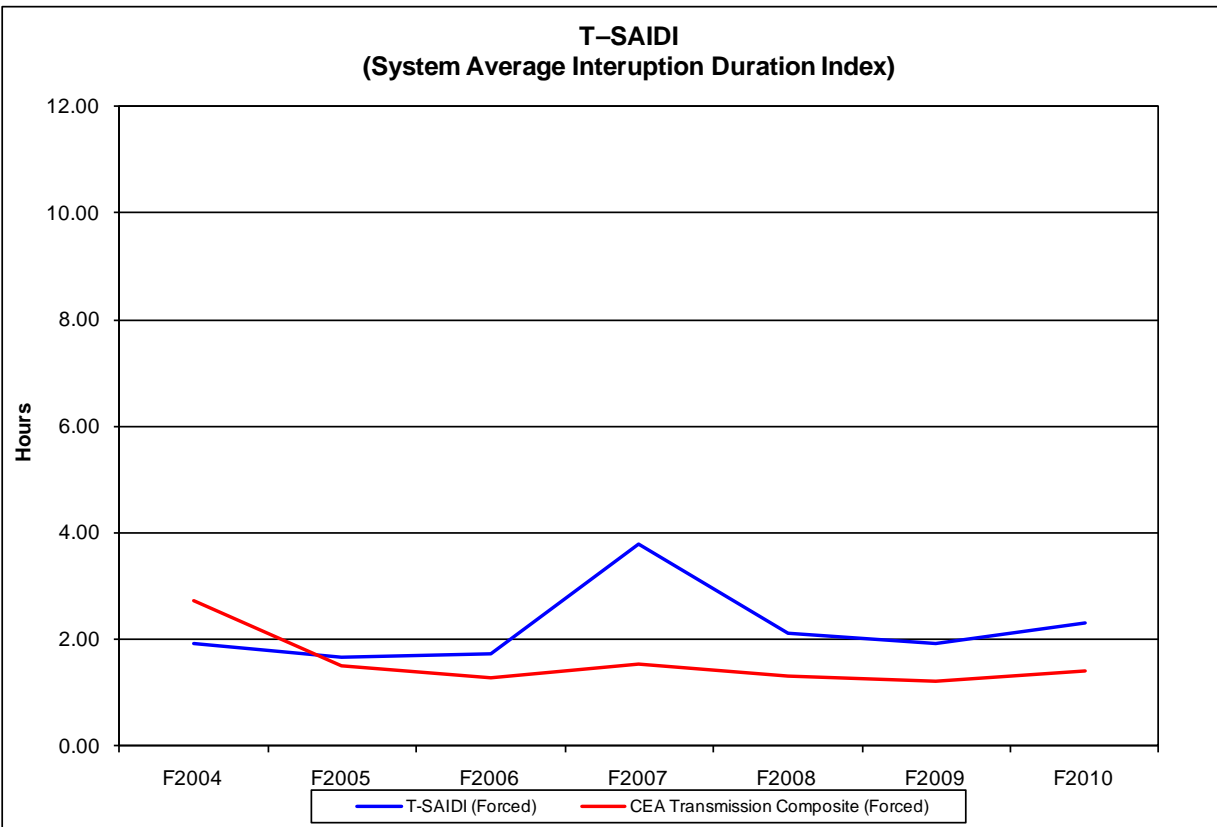
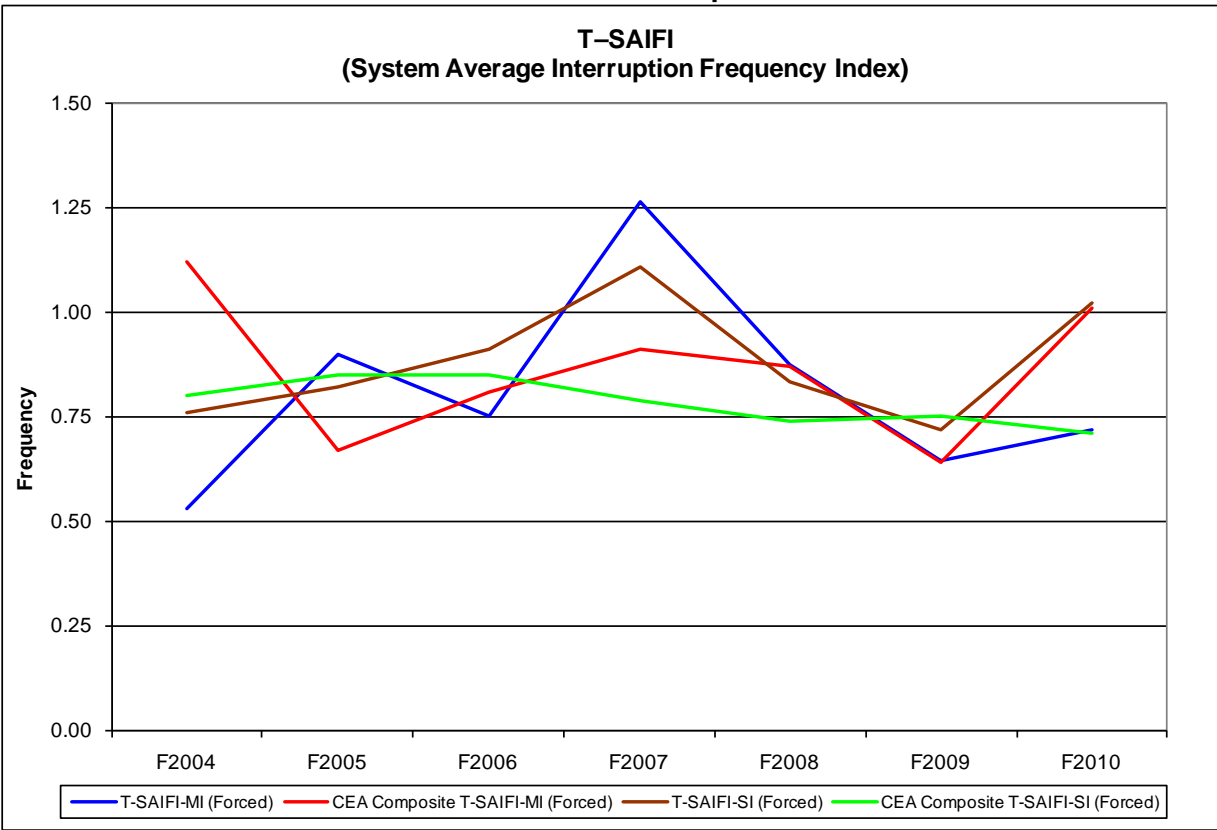
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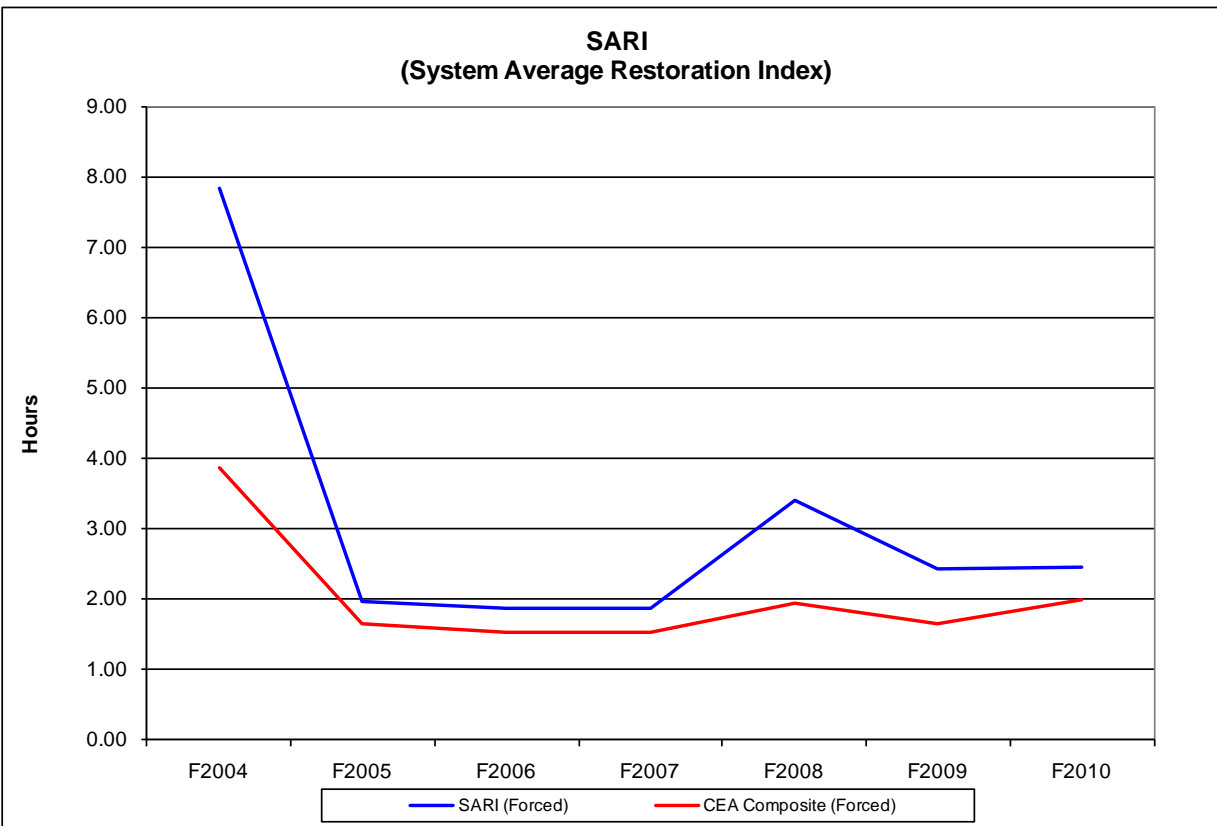
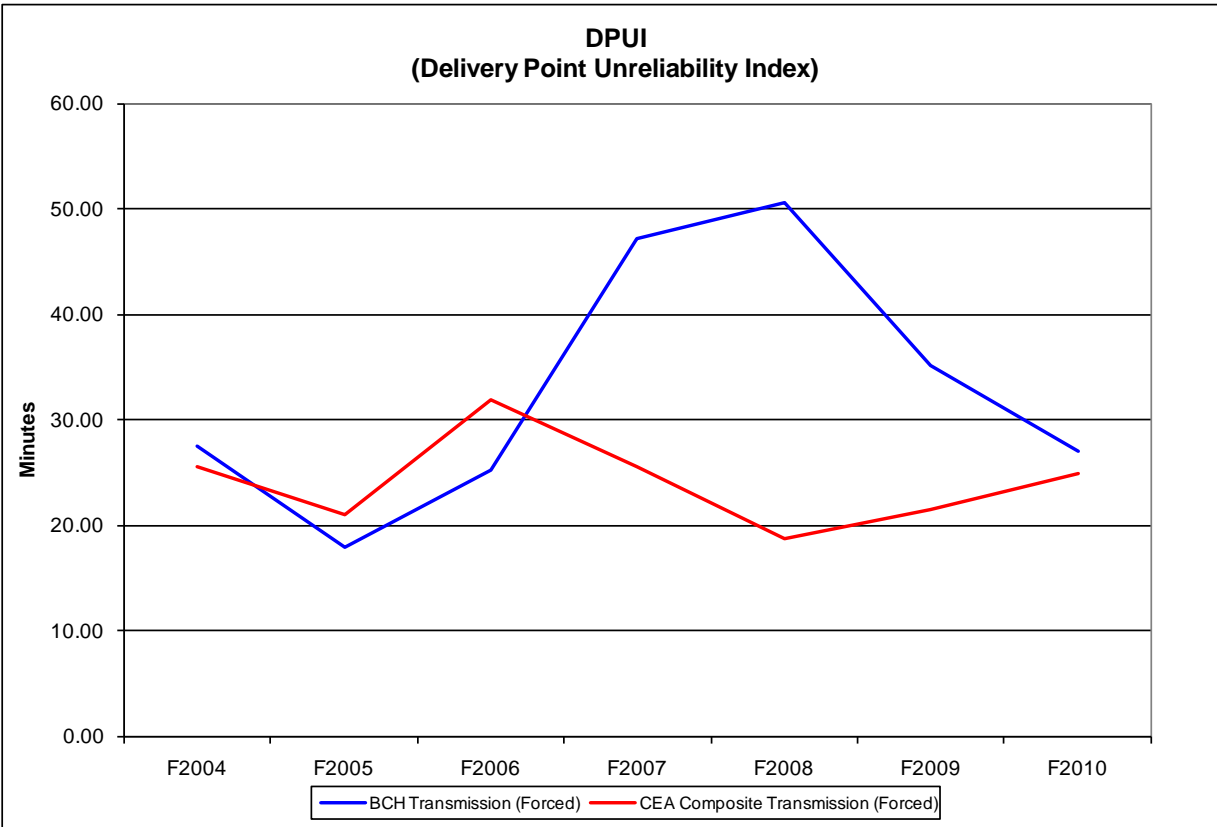
Note: The customer momentary interruptions and the resulting MAIFI may not apply to the utility's total customer population in the CEA comparison. Momentary outages are any interruptions on the feeders of less than one minute duration, caused by disturbance on the distribution, substation or transmission system.

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Generation Reliability Indices

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Fiscal Year	BC Hydro Hydroelectric Units				Calendar Year	CEA Hydroelectric Units			
	Availability Factor (%)	Forced Outage Count (Including starting failures)(Internal)**	Forced Outage Factor (Including starting failures)(Internal)** (%)	Failure Rate		Availability Factor (%)	Forced Outage Count (Including starting failures)(Internal)**	Forced Outage Factor (Including starting failures)(Internal)** (%)	Failure Rate
F2000	90.06	3.29	2.48	3.31	C1999	91.87	3.56	1.60	2.64
F2001	91.57	3.81	1.14	3.71	C2000	90.60	3.33	1.42	2.34
F2002	88.96	3.58	1.16	3.65	C2001	91.25	3.09	1.18	2.26
F2003	89.82	3.12	1.07	3.13	C2002	91.71	3.05	1.51	2.36
F2004	88.71	3.18	1.60	3.15	C2003	91.39	3.21	1.34	2.37
F2005	89.05	2.64	2.30	2.77	C2004	91.21	3.06	1.48	2.39
F2006	90.52	2.51	0.93	2.14	C2005	90.17	3.18	1.62	2.33
F2007	88.65	2.05	1.62	2.01	C2006	90.23	2.84	1.79	2.14
F2008	85.82	2.21	2.90	2.14	C2007	92.21	2.49	1.84	1.97
F2009	85.60	1.99	5.21	2.07	C2008	93.52	2.51	1.96	2.11
F2010	84.73	2.10	2.18	2.27	C2009	91.76	2.39	1.45	2.00
F2011	81.94	1.98	5.08	1.89	C2010	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Definitions

Availability Factor = Operating Time + Available-But-Not-Operating Time / In Commercial Service Time*

Forced Outage Count = Average Number of Forced Outages / Unit / Year (including Starting Failures)(Internal)**

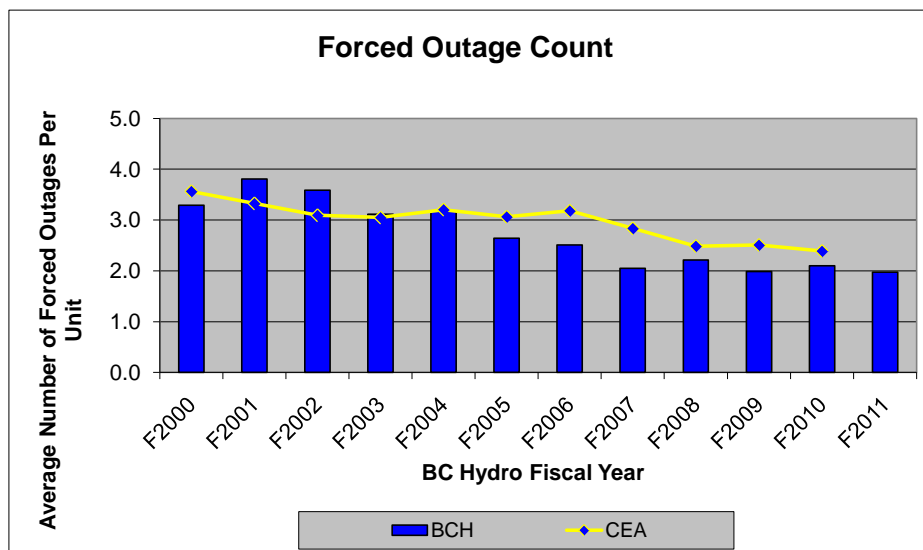
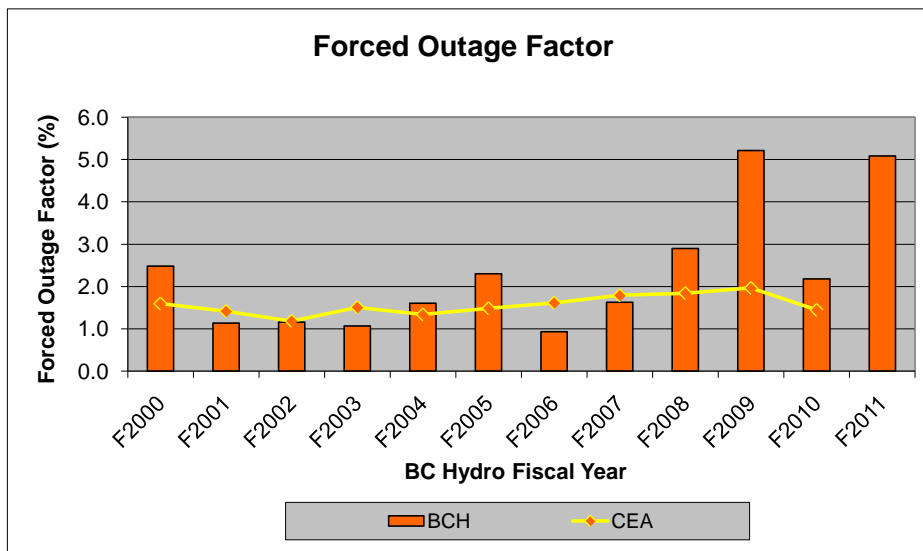
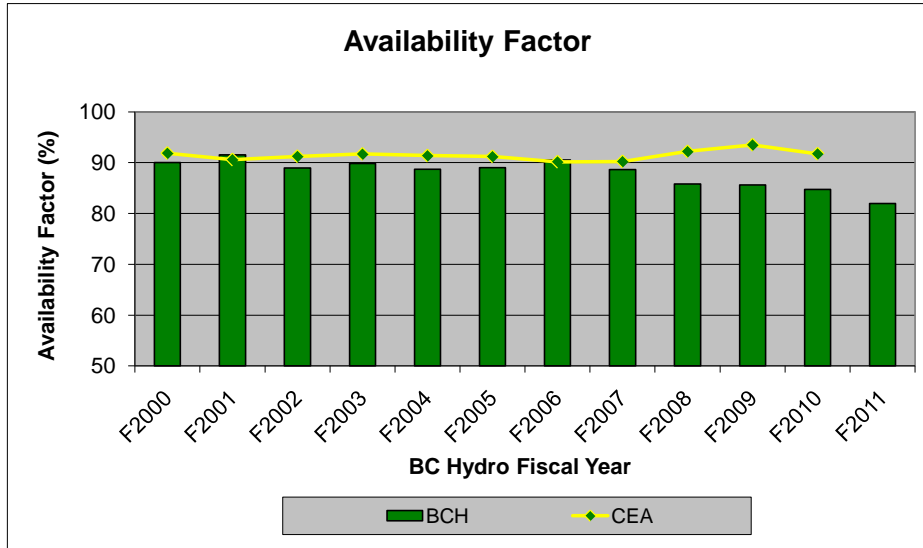
Forced Outage Factor = Forced Outage Time (including Starting Failures)(Internal) / In Commercial Service Time

Failure Rate = Forced Outage Count (excluding Starting Failures)(Internal) / Operating Time X In Commercial Service Time

* In Commercial Service Time represents the number of hours in the measurement period that the unit(s) were considered part of the active fleet.

** Outages with causes that were external to Generation, such as Transmission System forced outages, are excluded from this measure.

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