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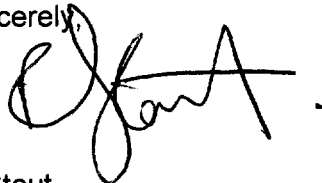
Mr. Richard J. Gathercole
The British Columbia Public Interest
Advocacy Centre
Suite 208 – 1090 West Pender Street
Vancouver, BC V6E 2N7

Dear Mr. Gathercole:

**RE: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (“BC Hydro”)
Project No. 3698360 – Revenue Requirements 2004/05 and 2005/06 Application**

Please find enclosed BC Hydro's Information Requests No. 1 to BC Old Age Pensioners
Organization et al.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Stout
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Enclosure (1)

cc: British Columbia Utilities Commission
Attention: Mr. Robert Pellatt

Registered Intervenors in Project No. 3698360

BC HYDRO AND POWER AUTHORITY
Information Request No. 1
to BC Old Age Pensioners Organization et al

**British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (“BC Hydro”)
Project No. 3698360 – 2004-05 and 2005-06 Revenue Requirements Application
and
British Columbia Transmission Corporation (“BCTC”)
Application for Deferral Accounts**

Reference: Evidence of Marvin Shaffer

1. Page 2, fourth bullet, regarding pricing being more effective than DSM. Which studies show that pricing is more effective than DSM? Are there any studies to show that pricing alone is more effective than a combination of both pricing and DSM options?
2. Page 8, second paragraph, regarding the Energy Probe. How does DSM slow the rate at which consumers invest in conservation on their own?
3. Page 8, third paragraph. Is there any evidence of any jurisdiction where pricing alone has produced optimal levels of conservation?
4. Page 9, Table 1. What is the rationale for using the RIM test as the primary screening measure? Please provide your views on the validity of the other standard DSM screening measures such as the total resource costs test (TRC) and the utility cost test (UC).
5. Page 12, Table 3. Please clarify that the 10% conservation case is based on reducing the avoided cost and lost revenue in Table 2 by 10%. If the 10% was obtained via the stepped rate, should the lost revenue from the 10% conservation be included in the Table 2 estimate?