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Sir:

RE: BCUC Order No. G-99-04 (“Order”), BC Hydro VI CFT /EPA Review

Greetings! As a Registered Intervenor in the above proceedings, I take this ‘window of opportunity’ to forward the following “Information Request” to BC Hydro, the BCUC, and all other registered participants. The questions I have that I would like answers to are as follows:

- 1.) On the BC Hydro Internet web site at: <http://www.bchydro.bc.ca/news/2004/nov/release17642.html>, the following November 3, 2004 News Release contained the following sentence by BC Hydro’s Senior Vice-President Distribution, Bev Van Ruyven:

“The new peak electricity demand set by Vancouver Island customers last January 5 demonstrated that we need more electricity than was previously thought ...”

Since the January 5th event was not one year long, not one month long, nor even one week long, but only occurred on January 5th, how long was it? Also, in addition to the duration, at what time did it occur? What magnitude was involved in this event? Over what extent of the system did it occur? What impact occurred to both the BC Hydro’s system and its impact on the number and type of customers affected and their geographic distribution?

I justify this question on the basis of relevance to the noted “deficiency” assumed in the “peak demand forecast” stipulation specified under item number 2 of the Commission Panel’s 2004 November 30th decision pertaining to the scope of the proceeding. [Transcript, Vol. 2, P. 311, Lines 11 through 26]

- 2.) With regards to the same above BC Hydro Internet web site article, the following statement is made:

“Pristine Power Inc., headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, is an independent power development company established to pursue the development of projects utilizing leading edge, proven generation technologies ...”

My question here to BC Hydro is: “How does BC Hydro and/or Pristine Power Inc. define the above expression: “leading edge, proven technologies” ?”

I justify this question on the basis of relevance to the noted

- A.) 'appropriate next resource addition'
- B.) 'simplified NPV model', and
- C.) 'capacity shortfall on Vancouver Island'

as specified under the 'determinations from VIGP decision' relevant to item number 1 of the Commission Panel's 2004 November 30th decision pertaining to the scope of the proceeding. [Transcript, Vol. 2, P. 307, Lines 12, 20 and P.308, Line 3]

- 3.) With regards to the directive issued by Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, BCUC to BC Hydro (Exhibit No. A-7), under Appendix B to Order No. G-106-04 Page 2 of 2, why is it that the EPA filing and the CFT Report and supporting material located at the BC Hydro Head Office location (17th Floor. - 333 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6B – 5R3) are deficient? It was discovered today during a very brief examination of these documents that these following items are missing from the documentation:

- A.) Applicant Documents Exhibit No. B-4 and B-5.
- B.) Interested Party Documents Exhibit No. D-13 through D-19
- C.) Letters of Comment:
 - i.) Exhibit No. E- 68 – Nov. 29/2004 response to Arlene Fehr from Premier Gordon Campbell.
 - ii.) Exhibit No. E-69 – Nov. 29/2004 response to Kathy Pearce from Premier Gordon Campbell.
 - iii.) Plus Exhibit No. E-70 through E-86.

(Side note from the writer regarding number i and ii above: The writer finds it hilarious that perhaps BC Hydro feels that Premier's statements are not worth recording! Enough said.)

- 3.) Further to the deficiencies listed above in Question No. Three (3), starting with Appendix 3 – Tariff, Part C – Post – COD Capacity and Energy Tariff (P.63), the index page numbers do not agree with the actual page numbers cited in the text. Please refer to Appendices N. Electricity Purchase Agreement (Revised Final Form) of the "Call for Tenders for Capacity and Associated Energy Supply on Vancouver Island ("CPT")", Report on the CFT Process Conducted by B.C. Hydro, November 19, 2004, as well as Exhibit No. B-1. Why is this? What other mistakes are there in these documents?

Signed (X),
Yours truly,
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Mr. Robert J. Pellatt
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British Columbia Utilities Commission

Email distribution list

P.S. Please note: Since I have not none a bulk mail attempt before and as far as I know my YAHOO server account does not allow bulk mailings, I may not reach all the participants listed on the distribution list. (I expect to spend the rest of the night E-mailing! BCUC has been no help in this matter at all!) By the way, the latest updated mailing list from the BCUC is incorrect. It's 49 , not 48.

