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Mr. Patrick Wruck Commission Secretary and Manager Regulatory Support British Columbia Utilities Commission Suite 410, 900 Howe Street Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

Dear Mr. Wruck:

RE: Project No. 1598978 British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission) British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) Application for Reliability Coordinator (RC) Registration with the Mandatory Reliability Standards (MRS) Program Extension Request

BC Hydro writes to respectfully request an extension to the current regulatory timetable set out in Commission Order No. G-5-19 (Exhibit A-7) for the filing of Information Request (**IR**) responses, and procedural conference.

The number of the IRs received from interveners and the BCUC are significant and the nature of the IRs complex, requiring more time to provide responses than planned. In addition, some key resources needed to answer the BCUC IRs were heavily involved in the Christmas wind storm recovery efforts. As a result, these individuals were not available to prepare responses to BCUC IRs from December 23 through December 30, 2018. BC Hydro believes that it can provide its responses to all IRs by Wednesday January 23, 2019. This timing would then allow FortisBC an opportunity to indicate whether or not it intends to submit Intervener evidence on Friday, January 25, 2019, and the Procedural Conference could then occur on Monday or Tuesday, January 28 or 29, 2019. This is approximately one week later than set out in Order No. G-5-19.

For further information, please contact Geoff Higgins at 604-623-4121 or by email at <u>bchydroregulatorygroup@bchydro.com</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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