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Mr. Patrick Wruck
Commission Secretary and Manager
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British Columbia Utilities Commission
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
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Dear Mr. Wruck:

RE: Project No. 1598969
British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
Electricity Purchase Agreement (EPA) Renewals – Sechelt Creek Hydro,
Brown Lake Hydro, and Walden North Hydro

BC Hydro writes further to BCUC Order No. G-278-19 (**Order**) whereby the Commission adjourned the proceeding in relation to the EPA Renewals for Sechelt Creek Hydro, Brown Lake Hydro and Walden North Hydro Independent Power Producer (**IPP**) facilities for 60 days to allow BC Hydro and the counterparties, should they so choose, to restructure and resubmit to the Commission EPA renewals that address the Commission's concerns related to the terms of the EPAs.

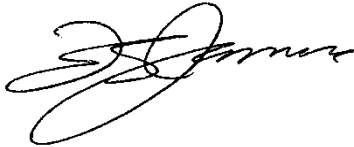
Since the issuance of the Order, BC Hydro has had the opportunity to meet with each of the counterparties several times to discuss the Commission's decision and potential next steps in relation to each of their EPAs. We are considering the implications of potentially amending each of the EPAs to shorter terms, as suggested by the Commission, and what would be necessary for amending the agreements should BC Hydro and the counterparties agree to do so.

As the Order was issued on November 8, 2019, BC Hydro's submission is due no later than January 7, 2020. Given that discussions are still on-going with each of the counterparties, and that BC Hydro's resources working on these EPA issues are constrained in the near term due to the holiday season and other scheduled regulatory proceedings, we respectfully request an extension of time to the 60-day adjournment to allow an additional 45 days for BC Hydro's submission to the Commission. Should the Commission agree to the requested extension, the revised submission date for the EPAs would be February 21, 2020.

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Yours sincerely,



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