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**BCH HLUHEY LAKE EPA EXTENSION
EXHIBIT A-2**

Mr. Fred James
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Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority – Electricity Purchase Agreement (EPA) Extension – Hluey Lake Hydroelectric Facility– Project No. 1599180 – Regulatory Timetable and Public Notice

Dear Mr. James:

Further to your December 21, 2020 filing of the above-noted matter, enclosed please find British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-37-21, establishing a regulatory timetable with a public notice.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Jessica O'Brien for:

Marija Tresoglavic
Acting Commission Secretary

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Enclosure



ORDER NUMBER
G-37-21

IN THE MATTER OF
the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Section 71 Filing of Electricity Purchase Agreement Renewal - Hluey Lake

BEFORE:

C. Brewer, Panel Chair
R. I Mason, Commissioner
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on February 3, 2021

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 21, 2020, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) an electricity purchase agreement (EPA) with a twenty-year term and a further ten-year BC Hydro option, between BC Hydro and MPT Hydro LP for the Hluey Lake hydroelectric generating facility near Dease Lake, BC, with an effective date of November 1, 2020 (Filing);
- B. By Order E-10-94, dated June 22, 1994, the BCUC approved the Hluey Lake EPA between BC Hydro and Tahltan Nation Development Corporation (TNDC). Since that time, ownership of the Hluey Lake Hydroelectric Facility was transferred to MPT Hydro LP, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Capstone Infrastructure Corporation;
- C. By Order G-61-12, dated May 17, 2012, the BCUC approved the Rules for Energy Supply Contracts for Electricity (Rules). The Rules, set out in Appendix A of Order G-61-12, are intended to facilitate the BCUC's review of energy supply contracts for electricity, pursuant to section 71 of the UCA;
- D. By Orders G-119-20 dated May 20, 2020, and E-25-20 dated October 22, 2020, the BCUC granted BC Hydro's requests to extend the expiry date of the Hluey Lake EPA to July 31, 2020, and October 31, 2020, respectively;
- E. BC Hydro requests the un-redacted version of the Filing, including the Hluey Lake EPA Renewal, be held confidential as it contains commercially sensitive information; and
- F. The BCUC has commenced a review of the Filing and considers a regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 71 of the UCA and the Rules, the BCUC orders the following:

1. A public hearing is established for the review of the Filing, as set out in the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this order.
2. The BCUC will hold the un-redacted version of the Filing confidential, as it contains commercially sensitive information and the disclosure is not in the public interest.
3. BC Hydro is directed, as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than February 16, 2020, to:
 - a. Notify, by email or mail, registered interveners of the most recent BC Hydro revenue requirements application, all First Nations within the consultative boundaries of the Hluey Lake hydroelectric facility and any person in the Dease Lake region that has participated in previous hearings as they relate to this facility, of the Filing, this order, and the Regulatory Timetable set out in Appendix A to this order;
 - b. Publish a copy of the Public Notice attached as Appendix B to this order, in such appropriate news publications, websites or social media as may properly provide adequate notice to the public in the affected service area; and
 - c. Post a copy of this order, the Filing and the Public Notice attached as Appendix B to this order, on BC Hydro's website and all social media channels.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of February 2021.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

C. Brewer
Commissioner

Attachment

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Section 71 Filing of Electricity Purchase Agreement Renewal - Hluey Lake

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2021)
Deadline for Submitting Letters of Comment	Tuesday, March 2
Further Process	To Be Determined



We want to hear from you

BC HYDRO RENEWAL OF AN ELECTRICITY PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MPT HYDRO LP FOR THE HLUHEY LAKE HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY

On December 21, 2020, BC Hydro filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission seeking acceptance of an electricity purchase agreement (EPA) between BC Hydro and MPT Hydro LP for the Hluey Lake hydroelectric facility. The EPA has a twenty-year term with a further ten-year BC Hydro option and is effective November 1, 2020. The BCUC is currently reviewing the application and welcomes public participation in the process.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- **Submit a letter of comment**
- **Register as an interested party**

IMPORTANT DATES

1. **Tuesday, March 2, 2021** – Deadline to submit a letter of comment with the BCUC

For more information on getting involved, please visit our website (www.bcuc.com/get-involved) or contact us at the information below.

GET MORE INFORMATION

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