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Mr. Patrick Wruck
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Dear Mr. Wruck:

**RE: British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
Application to Lift the Temporary Suspension of Generation
Interconnection Procedure Timelines and Associated Studies for Standing
Offer Program (SOP) Participants (Application)
Response to BCUC Staff Information Request No. 1**

BC Hydro writes to provide its responses to BCUC Staff Information Request No. 1 from April 11, 2019.

On Page 1 of the Application BC Hydro states:

“The Provincial Government issued its report – Comprehensive Review of BC Hydro: Phase 1 Final Report – on February 14, 2019.¹ As a result of the findings in that report, BC Hydro has indefinitely suspended the SOP except for five First Nations projects that BC Hydro committed to proceed with in March 2018. Four of these projects are identified in recital C of BCUC Order No. G-161-18, and the fifth has subsequently entered into an Electricity Purchase Agreement (EPA) with BC Hydro”

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https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/electricity-alternative-energy/electricity/bc-hydro-review/final_report_desktop_bc_hydro_review_v04_feb12_237_pm-r2.pdf.

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March 14, 2018 press release regarding the announcement:

https://www.bchydro.com/news/press_centre/news_releases/2018/bc-hydro-to-proceed-with-five-first-nations--clean-energy-projec.html.

On Page 3, section 1.2 BC Hydro states:

“On March 14, 2018, BC Hydro announced its plans to pursue negotiations for EPAs with the following five First Nations’ clean energy projects through the SOP:⁵ (i) Tsilhqot’in Solar – 1 MW (this project has since executed an EPA); (ii) Siwash Creek – 500 kW; (iii) Sarita River – 5 MW; (iv) Sukunka Wind – 15 MW; and (v) Zonnebeke Wind – 15 MW.”

On Page 2, section 1.1 BC Hydro states:

“A table showing the status of the projects in the combined SGIP and distribution generator interconnection queues as of the date of this application is provided in **Attachment 2.**”

Queue #	Project Name	Date Project Submitted	Active, Withdrawn or In-Service	Study Status	Region	POI	Size (MW)	Type
175	Fosthall Creek Power	March 19, 2013	Active	FS - Re-Study In Progress	Southern Interior	Pingston IPP	15	T-IPP
211	Babcock Ridge Wind Project	July 23, 2014	Active	SIS - In Progress	Northern Interior	TLR 25F53	15	D-IPP
214.1	Newcastle Creek Hydroelectric	August 27, 2014	Active	FS - In Progress	Vancouver Island	CBL25F50	4	D-IPP
230	Zonnebeke Wind	May 20, 2015	Active	FS - In Progress	Northern Interior	SNK	30	T-IPP
243	Siwash Creek	November 25, 2015	Active	SIS - Completed	Fraser Valley East	SBR 25F51	<1	D-IPP
244.2	McKay Creek	February 10, 2016	Active	SIS - Completed	Southern Interior	ILL 25F65	5	D-IPP
247.1	Wartenbe Wind Farm	May 10, 2016	Active	FEAS - Completed	Peace Region	2L312/SLS	15	T-IPP
251	Tamih Creek Hydroelectric	August 4, 2016	Active	SIS - In Progress	Metro Vancouver	ALZ 25F51	16.02	D-IPP
252.1	East Hill Solar	September 9, 2016	Active	IR - Interconnection Request	Southern Interior	60L299	15	T-IPP
253	Sarita River Hydro Project	September 16, 2016	Active	FS - In Progress	Vancouver Island	PAL25F72	5.32	D-IPP
256	Gitanow Biomass Project	January 9, 2017	Active	SIS - In Progress	North Coast	HZN 25F53	6.2	D-IPP
261.2	Tsilhqot’in Solar Farm	March 2, 2017	Active	FS - In Progress	Central Interior	WLM 25F57	1	D-IPP
272.05	Nahwit Wind Farm	February 8, 2018	Active	SIS - In Progress	Vancouver Island	Port-Hardy (PHY)	15	D-IPP
272.1	BR1 Unit 1-4 replacement	February 27, 2018	Active	SIS - Completed	Bridge River	BRT	218	BCH
280	Wahleach Generator G1 Refurbishment	May 10, 2018	Active	SIS Completed	Fraser Valley East	WAH	0	BCH

- 1 Please confirm, or explain otherwise that the Sukunka Wind Project is in the combined SGIP and distribution generator interconnection queues as of the date of this application.

RESPONSE:

The Zonnebeke Wind and Sukunka Wind projects are each a 15 MW project being developed by the same customer, behind a common Point of Interconnection. Per our Open Access Transmission Tariff, these are viewed as one combined project (one common Point of Interconnection) under a single, 30 MW interconnection request. The interconnection queue reflects this as Zonnebeke Wind at 30 MW in Attachment 2 of the Application.

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Yours sincerely,



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