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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: British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission) British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) City of Coquitlam Reconsideration and Variance of Order G -80-19

BC Hydro writes to provide submissions on the proposed process in accordance with BCUC Order No. G-114-19, dated May 29, 2019 (**Order**).

In its Order, the Commission requested that the City of Coquitlam (the **City**) and interveners provide submissions on the proposed process in accordance with the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to the Order. Specifically, the Commission requested submissions on:

- Whether any new evidence should be permitted and, if so, the nature of the evidence;
- Whether the hearing should be wholly, or in part, written, oral, or a combination thereof; and
- If an oral component is considered necessary, any upcoming periods of unavailability.

### Whether any new evidence should be permitted and, if so, the nature of the evidence

BC Hydro agrees with the City that, in general, its reconsideration application is focused on legal arguments, so no new evidence is necessary. BC Hydro takes no position on the possible exception raised by the City about new evidence being necessary regarding the cost allocation methodology for removing the decommissioned NPS 20 pipes.



## Whether the hearing should be wholly, or in part, written, oral, or a combination thereof

BC Hydro agrees with the City that the hearing should be wholly written.

# If an oral component is considered necessary, any upcoming periods of unavailability

If an oral component is considered necessary, BC Hydro's upcoming periods of unavailability are:

- July 16 to 19 and 29 to 31, 2019; and
- October 2, 3 and 14 to 18, 2019.

### Other matters

BC Hydro has no objection if the BCUC defers further process until September 2019, as discussed by the City in its submissions. BC Hydro also has no objection to the City's suggestion that the Commission Panel identify any questions it may have about the grounds for the reconsideration application.

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

Yours sincerely,

(for) Fred James Chief Regulatory Officer

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