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Ms. Marija Tresoglavic
Acting Commission Secretary and Manager
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British Columbia Utilities Commission
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

Dear Ms. Tresoglavic:

RE: Project No. 1599117
British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
Long-Term Resource Plan Filing Date

BC Hydro writes to advise that, as a result of the provincial election campaign, we will be suspending efforts to promote engagement opportunities for the 2021 Integrated Resource Plan (**2021 IRP**) and will be re-scheduling consultation meetings until later this fall.

As a Crown Corporation, BC Hydro is impartial and must also be seen to be impartial. BC Hydro has received guidance from the Government of B.C. advising that public communications, by Crown Corporations, during the election period, should be limited to public health and safety and statutory communications only.

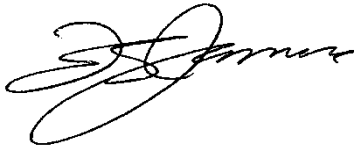
In addition, BC Hydro expects that regardless of the outcome of the election, government may have input with regard to the 2021 IRP that should be considered in this proceeding.

Accordingly, BC Hydro requests an Order from the BCUC suspending this proceeding until 30 days after the government has been sworn-in and a Cabinet has been appointed. At that time, BC Hydro requests to have the opportunity to supplement its submissions with regard to a filing date for the 2021 IRP and a proposal for an interim filing of BC Hydro's current planning context.

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For further information, please contact Chris Sandve at 604-974-4641 or by email at bchydroregulatorygroup@bchydro.com.

Yours sincerely,



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