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Mr. Claude Doucet  
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N2

Dear Mr. Doucet:

**RE: Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2020-366  
Request to Extend the Deadline for Filing Interventions**

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1. On October 30, 2020, the CRTC issued Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2020-366, calling for comments regarding potential regulatory measures to make access to poles owned by Canadian carriers more efficient. The CRTC encouraged electric utilities to participate in this proceeding as they play an important role in accessing poles that can be used for the deployment of telecommunications services.
2. BC Hydro intends to participate in this proceeding; however, the current deadline for interventions of November 30, 2020 will not provide us enough time to fully comment on the issues and questions raised in the notice.
3. BC Hydro has reviewed the letters filed by other parties in this proceeding regarding TELUS' request filed on November 5, 2020 to extend the deadline for filing interventions. We strongly support the submissions of the British Columbia Broadband Association and the Canadian Electricity Association filed on November 6 and November 13, 2020, respectively, which request that the deadline for filing interventions be extended until **January 18, 2021**. If the deadline is not extended until that date, BC Hydro is concerned it will not have adequate time to provide full comments.
4. For further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



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