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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)
2018 Letter Agreement with Powerex Corp. Forward Electricity Purchases
BCUC Order No. E-15-19 (Order) - Directive 4 Reporting
Report No. 5 – October 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019**

BC Hydro writes pursuant to Directive 4 of the Order to file with the BCUC monthly reports to monitor water levels and inflows at each of the Kinbasket and Williston reservoirs by the end of the month following each reporting month. The un-redacted version of this letter is being made available to the BCUC only under separate cover, in order to protect BC Hydro's commercial interests.

BC Hydro is providing the BCUC with three separate line graphs for each of the Kinbasket and Williston reservoirs. [Figure 1](#) and [Figure 4](#) reflect monthly reservoir levels over the past 12 months on a rolling basis, [Figure 2](#) and [Figure 5](#) reflect monthly reservoir levels over the past five years on a rolling basis, and [Figure 3](#) and [Figure 6](#) reflect monthly forecast reservoir levels over the next three years on a rolling basis for Kinbasket and Williston reservoirs respectively. This public version of the letter redacts each of the figures to maintain confidentiality as discussed below.

BC Hydro notes that in past reports not all of the graphs were redacted as is the case in this letter. BC Hydro has determined that publication of these graphs is inconsistent with its position taken in the Fiscal 2020 to Fiscal 2021 Revenue Requirements Application on the confidentiality of reservoir data. These reports include monthly actual System Storage data, which is proprietary BC Hydro operational data and is considered commercially sensitive and would not otherwise be disclosed at this time. Publication of this information could enable third parties to model BC Hydro's system in depth, and to estimate BC Hydro's energy need and to predict BC Hydro's import and export requirements. As such, publication of this information can reasonably be expected to impact BC Hydro's ability to sell surplus energy and to obtain required additional reliable supply in as cost-effective a manner as possible, potentially causing harm to BC Hydro

ratepayers. BC Hydro seeks this confidential treatment pursuant to section 42 of the *Administrative Tribunals Act* and Part 4 of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Figure 1 Kinbasket Reservoir Elevation for Past Year 2018-2019

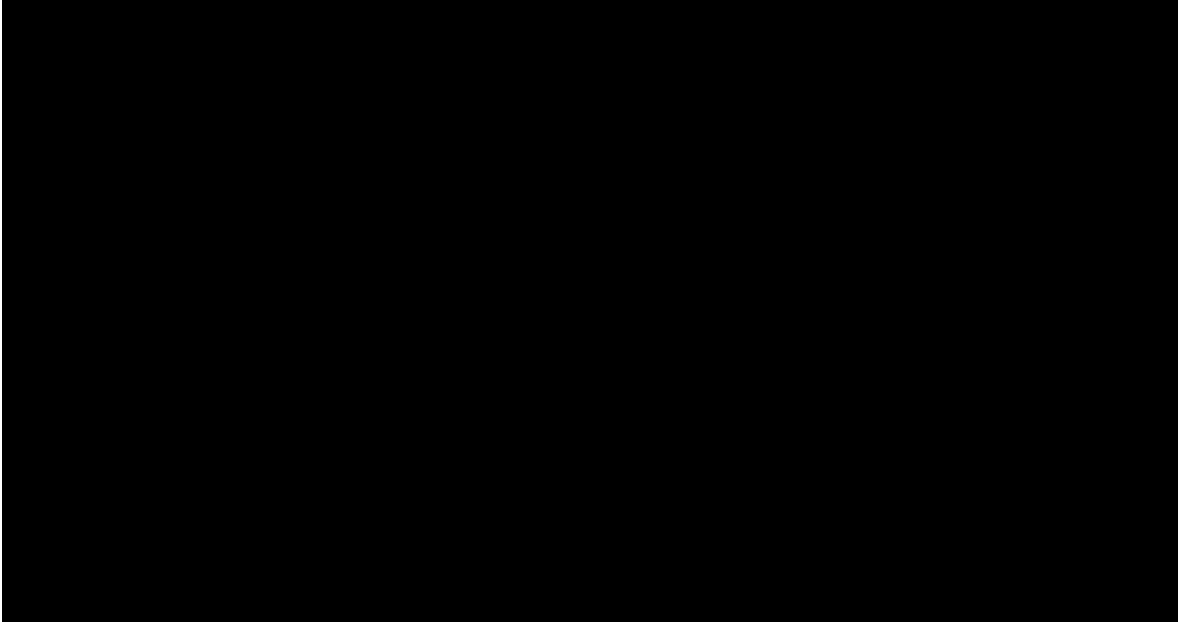


Figure 2 Kinbasket Reservoir Elevation for Past Five Years 2014-2019

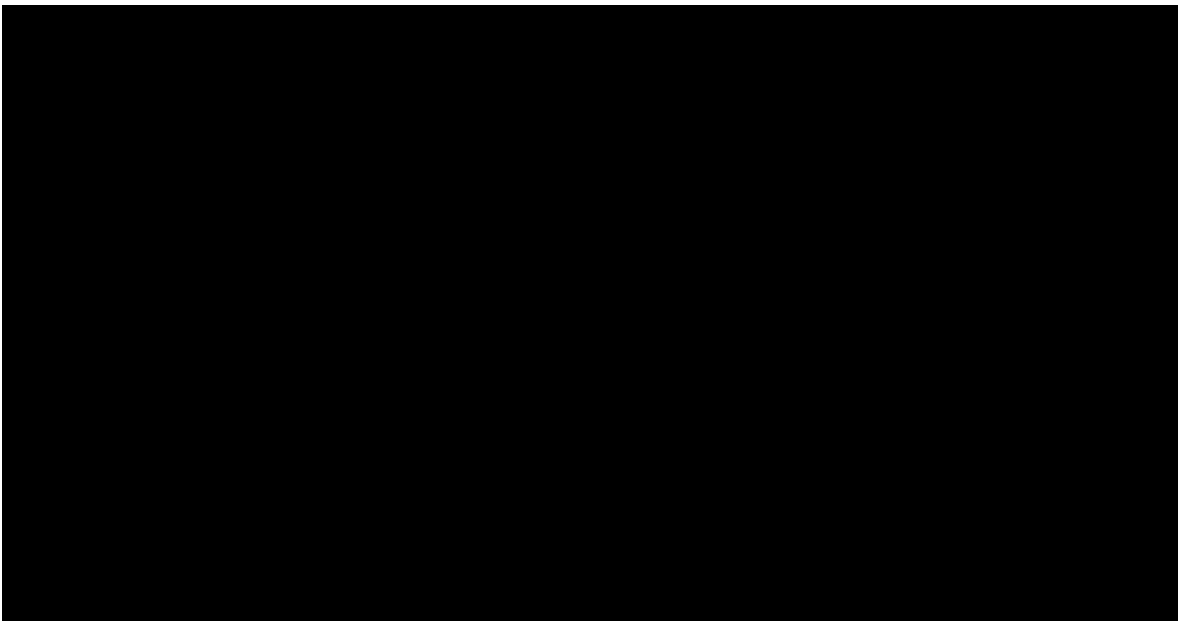


Figure 3 Kinbasket Reservoir Elevation for Next Three Years 2019-2022

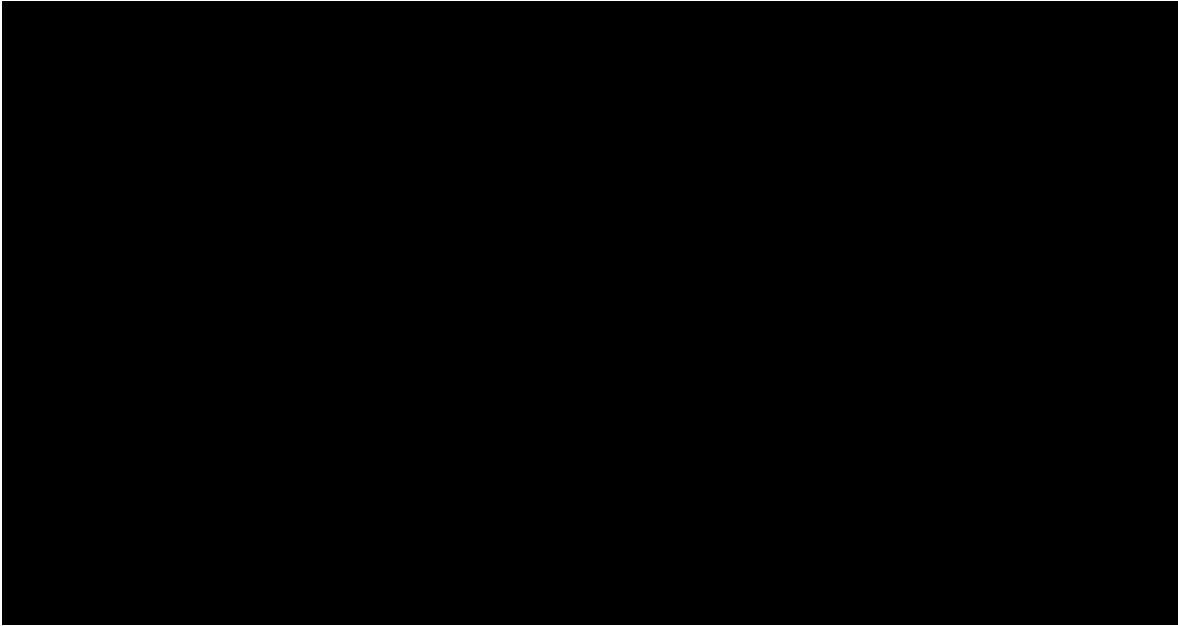


Figure 4 Williston Reservoir Elevation for Past Year 2018-2019

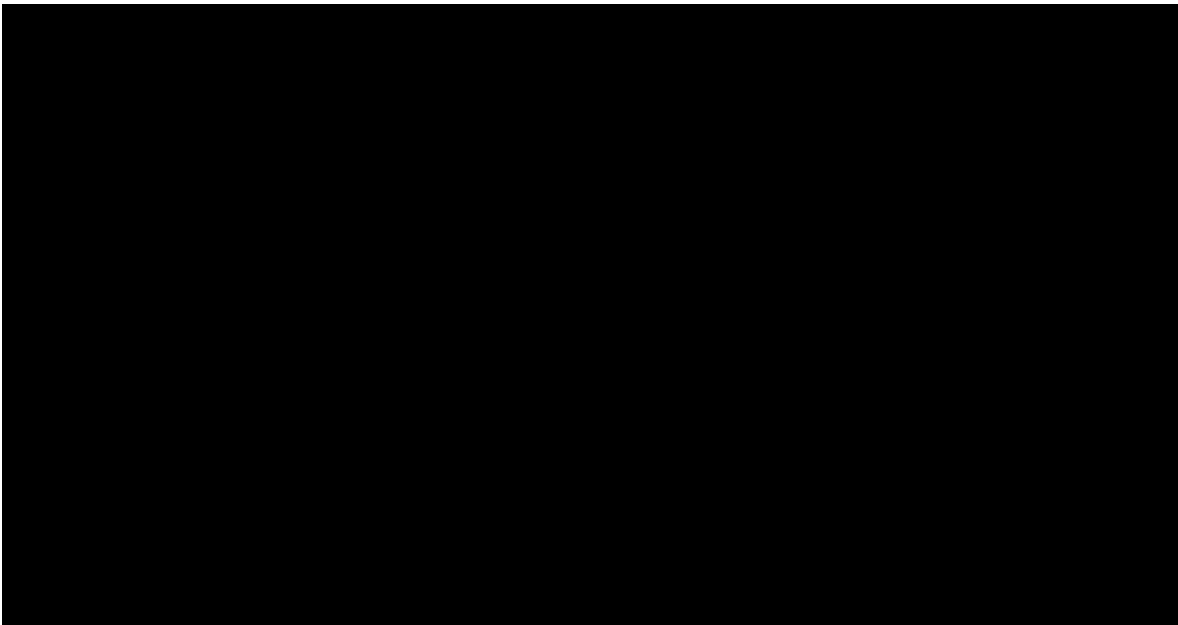


Figure 5 Williston Reservoir Elevation for Past Five Years 2014-2019

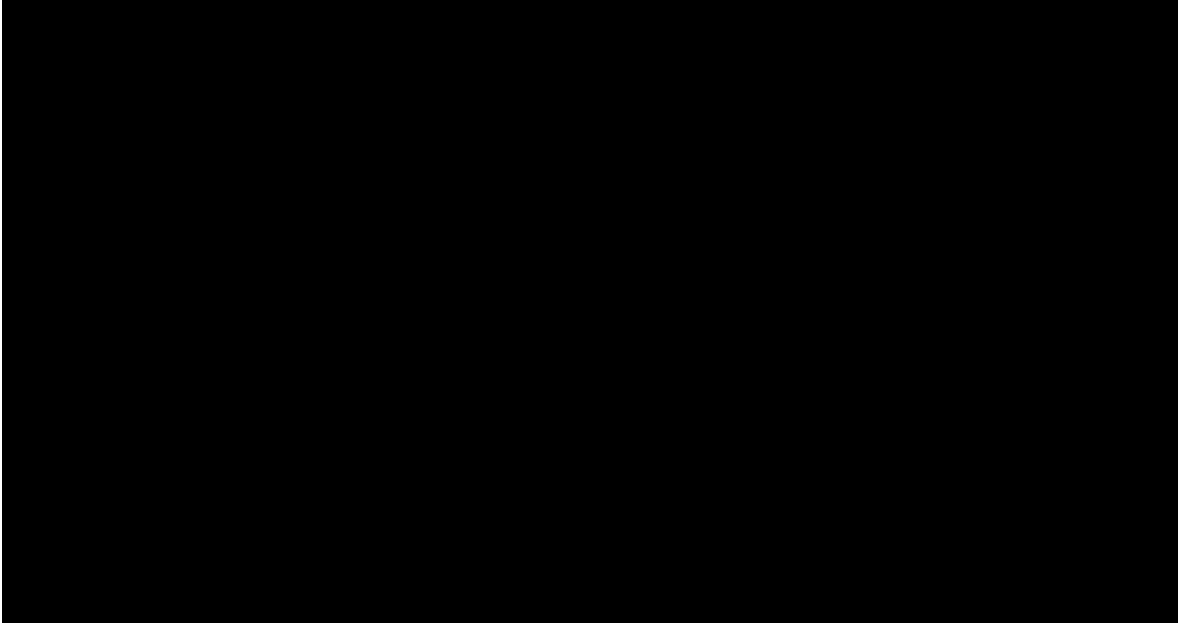
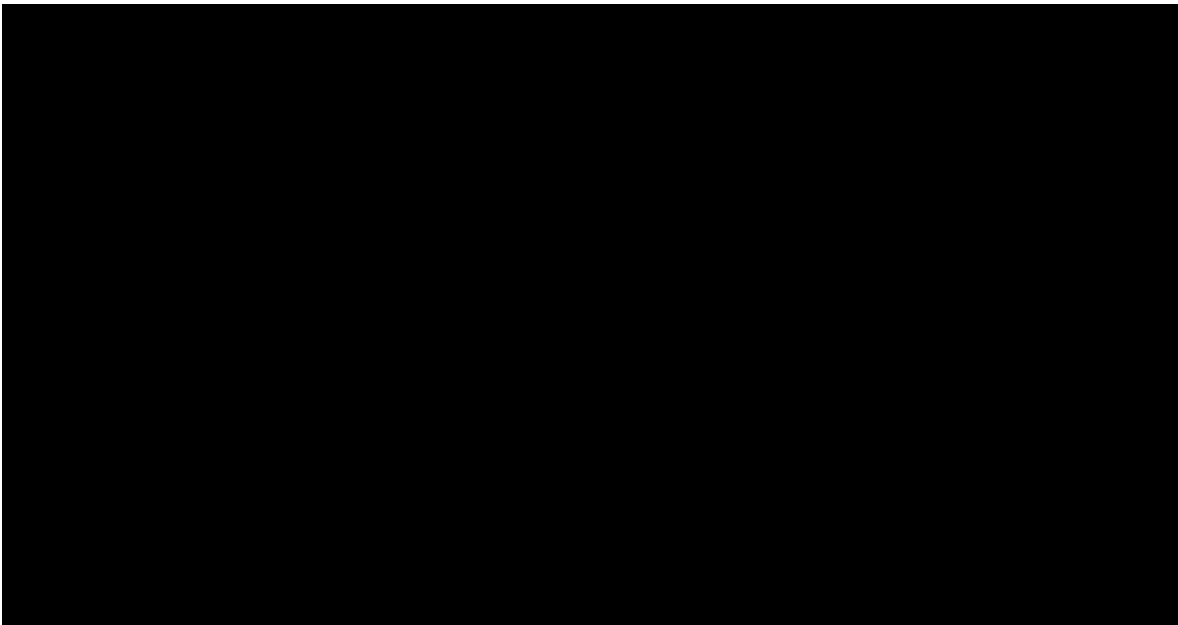


Figure 6 Williston Reservoir Elevation for Next Three Years 2019-2022



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Yours sincerely,



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