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Mr. Patrick Wruck
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Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
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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 Expand Rate Schedule (RS) 1880 (Standby and Maintenance
Supply) Availability to RS 1828 Biomass Energy Program Customers**

BC Hydro writes in response to the BCUC Staff questions submitted by email on September 23, 2019 regarding BC Hydro's application to expand RS 1880 availability to RS 1828 Biomass Energy Program Customers. BC Hydro's responses are provided below.

1.0 In the Application BC Hydro states it is seeking to extend the availability of RS 1880 to RS1828 customers so that they can have the same access to RS1880 as the RS1823 customers with self-generation and further states that RS 1828 and RS1823 customers are the same other than the different pricing in place.

- 1.1. Please clarify whether the availability of RS1880 for RS1828 customers was inadvertently missed in the April 15, 2019 Application for approval of RS1828? Otherwise, please explain why this request was not included in the April 15, 2019 Application.

RESPONSE:

BC Hydro confirms that the availability of RS 1880 for RS 1828 customers was inadvertently missed in the April 15, 2019 Application for approval of RS 1828.

2.0 BC Hydro states in the Application that this is an administrative tariff change.

- 2.1. Please explain how the availability of RS1880 for RS1828 customers relates to the April 1, 2019 OIC and why BC Hydro considers it an administrative change.

RESPONSE:

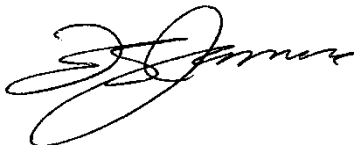
The April 1, 2019 OIC provided Direction to the BCUC to set a rate schedule for Customers who have entered into a contract with BC Hydro under the Biomass Energy Program. RS 1828 was subsequently approved by the BCUC as requested in BC Hydro's April 15, 2019 Application.

RS 1828 replaces RS 1823 for default electricity service for these Biomass Energy Program Customers. The only difference between these two rate schedules is with respect to pricing, all other terms and conditions are the same, as explained in BC Hydro's application to expand RS 1880 availability.

One of the terms and conditions available to RS 1823 customers with self-generation is access to RS 1880 for replacement energy when there is curtailment of the customer's on-site generation. Given that RS 1828 customers have the same terms and conditions as RS 1823 customers, RS 1828 customers with self-generation should also have access to RS 1880. However, the RS 1880 availability requires amendment to include RS 1828 customers, which should have been included in our previous application.

For further information, please contact Anthea Jubb at 604-623-3545 or by email at bchydroregulatorygroup@bchydro.com.

Yours sincerely,



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