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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
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Dear Ms. Tresoglavic:

**RE: British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
COVID-19 Customer Relief Program Application
Report No. 7 – Final Report - September 2020**

BC Hydro writes in compliance with BCUC Order No. G-79-20, which directed BC Hydro to, among other things:

1. Track the accruals in the Customer Crisis Fund (**CCF**) Regulatory Account resulting from the COVID-19 relief measures separately from those accruals to the account that were directed in BCUC Order No. G-166-17;¹ and
2. Report monthly to the BCUC, commencing May 1, 2020 and for a period of six months thereafter, on the activities captured by the CCF Regulatory Account as a result of the COVID-19 relief measures and the CCF program. The activities to be reported for the COVID-19 relief measures include:²
 - (a) Bill credits provided to customers under the COVID-19 relief fund for residential customers;
 - (b) BC Hydro costs for administering the COVID-19 relief measures for residential customers;
 - (c) Interest costs recorded to the Customer Crisis Fund Regulatory Account related to the above; and
 - (d) Amounts paid to BC Hydro pursuant to Rate Schedule 1903.³

¹ BCUC Order No. G-166-17 approved, among other things, the Customer Emergency Fund (**CEF**) Regulatory Account and Rate Schedule 1903, which established a CEF Rate Rider. The CEF Regulatory Account and CEF Rate Rider were renamed the Customer Crisis Fund (**CCF**) Regulatory Account and Customer Crisis Fund Rate Rider, by BC Hydro's Customer Emergency Fund Application - Compliance with Commission Order No. G-166-17 Directive 5, filed on April 30, 2018.

² BCUC Order No. G-79-20, item 13.

³ CCF Rate Rider revenue, in accordance with BCUC Order Nos. G-166-17 and G-194-19.

In this report, BC Hydro is providing the information in compliance with these directives as at September 30, 2020. As BC Hydro was directed to report commencing May 1, 2020 and for a period of six months thereafter, this is the final report that BC Hydro will provide. Interest is applied to the CCF Regulatory Account starting in April 2020 and is included in monthly reports thereafter.⁴

[Table 1](#) below provides the information on the COVID-19 relief measures, including the bill credits for residential customers (line a), BC Hydro's incremental costs to administer the COVID-19 relief measures (line b), and interest costs (line c), for the current month, the fiscal year to date total and the life to date amounts.⁵

Table 1 BC Hydro COVID-19 Relief Measures

\$ million (credit amounts appear in parentheses)	Current Month	Fiscal 2021	Life to Date
	September 2020	Year to Date	
a. Bill credits under the COVID-19 relief fund for residential customers	(0.06)	37.24	37.24
b. BC Hydro incremental costs for administering the COVID-19 relief measures for residential customers	0.01	1.14	1.14
c. Interest costs for COVID-19 relief measures for residential customers	0.11	0.50	0.50
Total COVID-19 relief measures for residential customers (a+b+c)	0.06	38.88	38.88

[Table 2](#) below provides information on BC Hydro's incremental costs to administer (i.e., set-up and operating costs) the CCF Pilot Program (i.e., excluding costs related to the COVID-19 relief measures; lines e, f and g) as well as revenues paid to BC Hydro from the Rate Schedule 1903 CCF Rate Rider (line d) for the current month, the fiscal year to date total and the life to date amounts.

⁴ Order in Council 59 and BCUC Order No. G-79-20 directed BC Hydro to apply interest to the CCF Regulatory Account balance.

⁵ As at September 30, 2020, approximately 128,000 applications have been approved with actual grants of \$37.24 million. The month of September bill credits show a small negative balance due to the reversal of an accrual from the prior month. No further costs are expected other than interest on the regulatory account balance and some minor costs to resolve a small number of remaining escalations, as the program ended on June 30, 2020.

Table 2 BC Hydro - CCF Pilot Program

\$ million (credit amounts appear in parentheses)	Current Month	Fiscal 2021	Life to Date
	September 2020	Year to Date	
d. Amounts paid to BC Hydro pursuant to RS 1903 (CCF Rate Rider Revenues)	(0.25)	(1.46)	(9.93)
Total CCF Rate Rider Revenues	(0.25)	(1.46)	(9.93)
e. CCF Pilot Program grants	0.10	1.32	3.29
f. BC Hydro incremental costs for administering the CCF Pilot Program	0.03	0.29	1.50
g. Interest on net CCF costs	(0.01)	(0.09)	(0.09)
Total CCF Pilot Program Costs (e+f+g)	0.12	1.52	4.70
Net CCF Costs (CCF Rate Rider Revenues less CCF Pilot Program Costs)	(0.13)	0.06	(5.23)

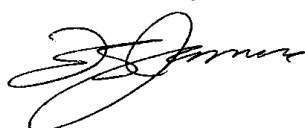
[Table 3](#) below provides a continuity schedule of the CCF Regulatory Account, including the prior month closing balance, current month additions to the regulatory account for the COVID-19 relief measures, the CCF Pilot Program costs (i.e., CCF grants and incremental costs to set-up and operate the CCF Pilot Program), and the CCF Rate Rider revenues, as well as the current month-end closing balance.

Table 3 BC Hydro – CCF Regulatory Account Additions and Balance

\$ million (credit amounts appear in parentheses)	
h. CCF Regulatory Account Balance as at August 31, 2020	33.72
i. Total COVID-19 Relief Measures - September 2020	0.06
j. CCF Pilot Program Costs - September 2020	0.12
k. CCF Rate Rider Revenues - September 2020	(0.25)
CCF Regulatory Account Balance as at September 30, 2020 (h+i+j+k)	33.65

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Yours sincerely,



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