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Mr. Patrick Wruck
Commission Secretary and Manager
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Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
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Dear Mr. Wruck:

**RE: Project No. 1599045
British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
Review of BC Hydro's Performance Based Regulation Report**

BC Hydro writes in accordance with BCUC Order No. G-324-20 to provide our submission on further process for this proceeding.

BC Hydro submits that the evidentiary record is sufficient and that the proceeding should proceed to a written final argument phase, focused on the proposals set out in BC Hydro's supplementary evidence and on the concepts put forward by Dr. Weisman, Mr. Kolesar and Dr. Lowry. The evidence on the record, including expert evidence, is extensive and has provided the BCUC and registered parties in this proceeding with a broad range of analysis to consider. The key issues in this proceeding have been clarified through the recent review of BC Hydro's supplementary evidence. Accordingly, BC Hydro submits that further process is not required and that the BCUC is well-positioned to make a decision, following a written argument phase.

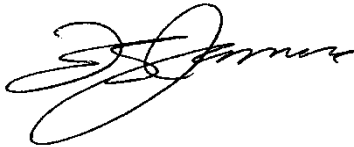
We would respectfully request that, in scheduling the next steps including argument, the BCUC consider two things:

1. The timing of the ongoing Fiscal 2022 Revenue Requirements process. The parties are largely the same in both proceedings, and that process is commanding significant attention as a result of the accelerated timing. From BC Hydro's standpoint, the same personnel and legal counsel are involved, and we expect the same is true for many interveners; and
2. If the BCUC determines that an oral hearing is required, Dr. Weisman and Mr. Kolesar are generally available throughout March and April 2021; however, Mr. Kolesar has a pre-existing commitment on April 20, 2021.

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Yours sincerely,



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