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Ms. Marija Tresoglavic
Acting Commission Secretary and Manager
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Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
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Dear Ms. Tresoglavic:

**RE:** Project No. 1598932

**British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)** 

**British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)** 

Mandatory Reliability Standards (MRS) TPL-001-4 Assessment Report Semi-Annual Report No. 5 – July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 (Report)

BC Hydro writes to submit its Report in compliance with Directive 4 of BCUC Order No. R-27-18A.

For further information, please contact Lynne Foster at 604-623-3918 or by email at bchydroregulatorygroup@bchydro.com.

Yours sincerely,

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## Mandatory Reliability Standards (MRS) TPL-001-4 Assessment Report

Semi-Annual Progress Report No. 5

July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

TPL-001-4	BC Hydro Stakeholder Comments Organizational Activities and Reliability/Suitability Impact	BC Hydro Cost Estimated as reported in TPL-001-4 Assessment Report		BC Hydro Cost Incurred to Date		BC Hydro Updated Cost Estimates		Cost Variances		Variance Description	
Requirement	as reported in TPL-001-4 Assessment Report	One Time (\$)	Ongoing (\$)	One Time (\$)	Ongoing (\$)	One Time (\$)	Ongoing (\$)	One Time (\$)	Ongoing (\$)	Notes on One-Time Variances	Notes on Ongoing Variances
TPL-001-4 R1	T&D: Modelling is an ongoing activity with minimal changes to existing process if any. Equipment spares availability need to be dove tailed with power flow base cases and contingency lists. The short circuit study equipment models are to be included in existing TPL assessment planning models. There are no adverse reliability impacts or technical / administrative suitability issues.  Estimated Breakdown of Costs:  One-Time - \$10,000 (assuming 100 person hours). Ongoing (Annual) - \$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TPL-001-4 R2	TAD: The study methodology needs to be re written to take in to account the new requirements:  a) Sensitivity studies  b) equipment spares availability related analysis  c) short circuit studies and analysis of results d) options of alternatives to reinforcements detailed in the standard.  Estimated Breakdown of Costs:  One-Time Costs - Two weeks worth of time for about eight transmission planners = \$56,000.  Ongoing (Annual) Costs - About one more week in increase of studies required for about eight transmission planners (280 person hours) = \$28,000. This incremental increase in TPL assessment activity is due to aforementioned additional TPL-001-4 requirements.	\$56,000	\$28,000	\$54,500	\$26,000	\$56,000	\$28,000	\$0	\$0		
TPL-001-4 R3	T&D: No incremental actions expected.	\$0	\$0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
TPL-001-4 R4	T&D: If the TPL assessments identify there is a need to shed nonconsequential load, then the use of NCLL will need to be reviewed through an open and transparent stakeholder process.  Estimated Breakdown of Costs:  One-Time Costs - The use of NCLL is estimated to be on approximately four occasions in lieu of transmission reinforcements. Each stakeholder process required is estimated to cost about \$100,000. The total cost of a stakeholder process for all four events is estimated to be about \$400,000.  Ongoing (Annual) - Not known at this time; will come out of future planning studies.	\$400,000	Unknown at this time	\$8,240	\$16,800	\$400,000	Unknown at this time	\$0	\$0		
TPL-001-4 R5	T&D: No incremental actions expected.	\$0	\$0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
TPL-001-4 R6	T&D: No incremental actions expected.	\$0	\$0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
TPL-001-4 R7	Unable to assess based on undefined Planning Coordinator/Planning Authority footprints and entities responsible. The Commission Reasons for Decision for Order No. R-41-13 (page 20), indicated that a separate process would be established to consider this matter as it pertains to BC.	To be Determined	To be Determined	To be Determined	To be Determined	To be Determined	To be Determined	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
TPL-001-4 R8	T&D: No incremental actions expected.	\$0	\$0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable