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Mr. Patrick Wruck  
Commission Secretary and Manager  
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British Columbia Utilities Commission  
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street  
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

Dear Mr. Wruck:

**RE: Project No. 1599164  
British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)  
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)  
Fiscal 2022 Revenue Requirements Application**

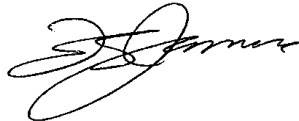
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While preparing for the Review Session on March 4, BC Hydro noticed that some revisions were required to information already on the record in this proceeding. Accordingly, BC Hydro writes to provide revisions to three Round 1 information request responses and to provide Errata No. 2 to the Application, as follows:

Exhibit B-4-2	Revisions to BCUC IR 1.22.1.3
Exhibit B-5-2	Revisions to BCOAPO IR 1.36.2 and CEC IR 1.24.1
Exhibit B-2-6	Errata No. 2 to the Application filed on December 22, 2020 – Revision to Chapter 5

For further information, please contact Chris Sandve at 604-974-4641 or by email at [bchydroregulatorygroup@bchydro.com](mailto:bchydroregulatorygroup@bchydro.com).

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure

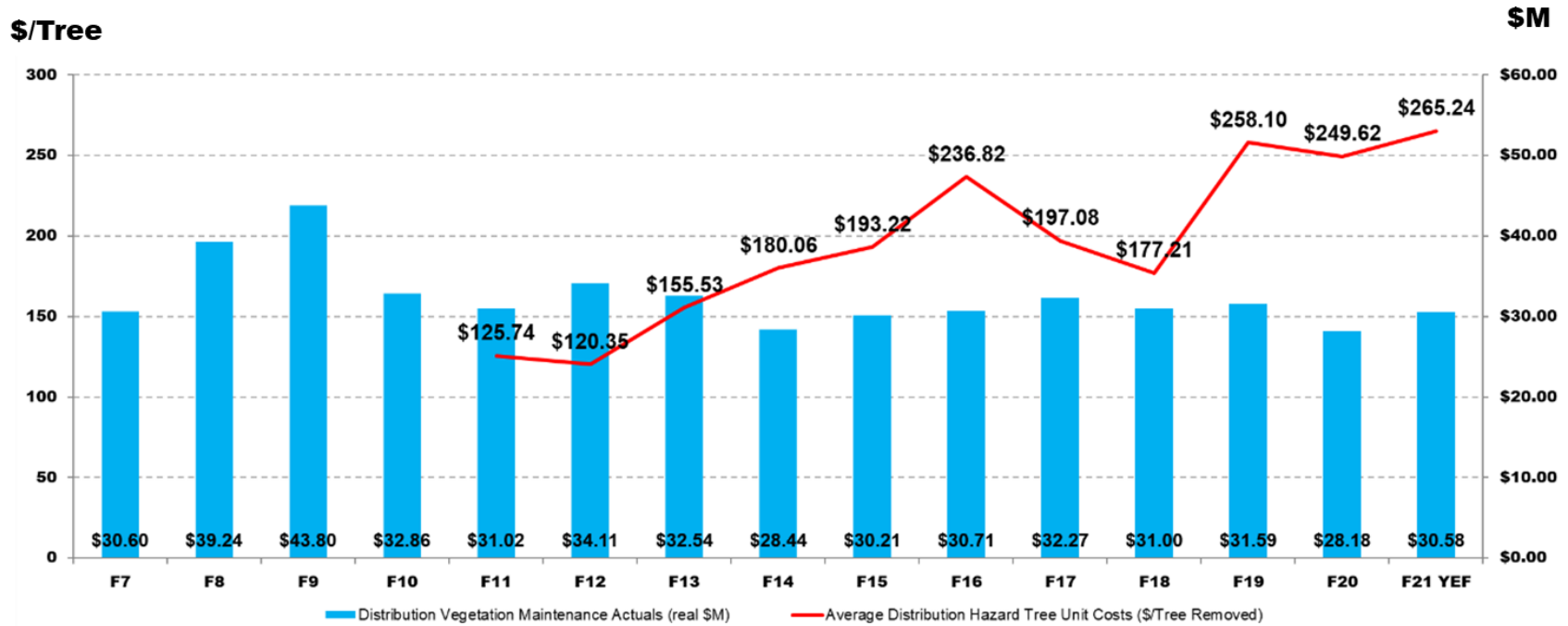
<b>British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization Et Al</b> Information Request No. <b>1.36.2</b> Dated: <b>January 26, 2021</b> British Columbia Hydro & Power Authority <b>REVISED</b> Response issued <b>March 3, 2021</b>	Page 1 of 3
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**36.0 Reference: Exhibit B-2, pages 5-71 and 5-76**

1.36.2 In Figure 5-12 the Distribution Vegetation Management Costs are identified as “budget costs”. If the actual spending in each year was different, please re-do the figure with the actual total Distribution Vegetation Management Costs and the actual Unit costs. (Note: It is acknowledged that “actual” values are not available for F2021)

**ORIGINAL RESPONSE:**

**The graph below updates Figure 5-12 in Chapter 5 of the Application to reflect actual distribution vegetation management spending in each year. These are gross values, excluding recoveries.**



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**REVISED RESPONSE:**

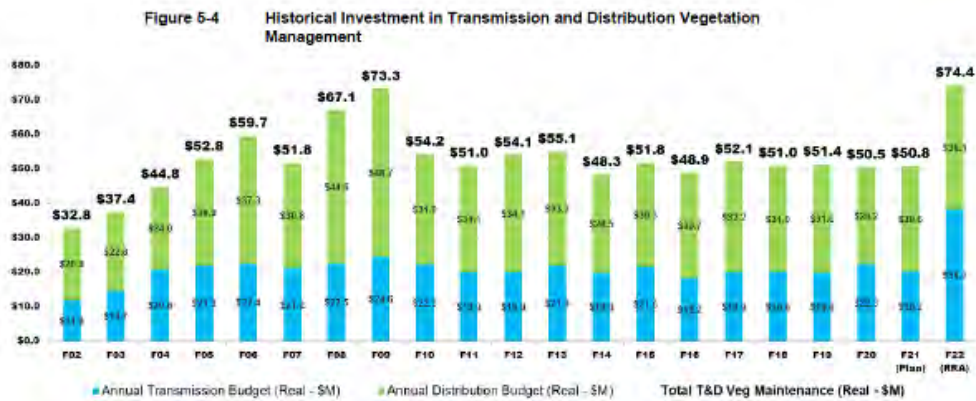
The values in Figure 5-12 are actual amounts. Figure 5-4, Figure 5-11 and Figure 5-12, in Chapter 5 of the Application, all showed actual amounts but were mislabeled as showing budgeted amounts. The correctly labelled figures have been provided in Errata No. 2 to the Application. This erratum also corrects the values for fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2009 which were incorrect in the original versions of Figure 5-4, Figure 5-11 and Figure 5-12.

**24.0 Reference: Exhibit B-2, page 5-36 and 5-43**

**5.7.2 Budget Overview for Fiscal 2022 – Transitioning to the New Vegetation Management Program**

A heightened level of vegetation clearing activity over a decade ago had ongoing benefits, allowing BC Hydro to absorb significant cost pressures on the vegetation management program during a period of fiscal constraint (i.e., multiple government reviews and the 2013 10 Year Rates Plan). In recent years, while BC Hydro has observed an increase in vegetation related outages, overall system performance has met BC Hydro’s Service Plan targets. Performance against reliability targets has been bolstered by innovative system improvements (e.g., reclosers and automated switching), that have improved both reliability and safety and mitigated the impact of the accumulated vegetation growth.

While targeted work can address emerging risks, trees continue to grow each year. Eventually, all remaining vegetation requires extensive maintenance to maintain safe clearances to energized equipment and support reliable system operations. The vegetation on the system has now reached a point where a vegetation accumulation exists, and the benefits obtained by extensive clearing a decade ago have been fully realized. We need to address this accumulation to ensure future reliability and safety performance. BC Hydro believes that future system performance and safety will be negatively impacted if the *status quo* persists.



<b>Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia</b> Information Request No. <b>1.24.1</b> Dated: <b>January 26, 2021</b> British Columbia Hydro & Power Authority <b>REVISED</b> Response issued <b>March 3, 2021</b>	Page 2 of 2
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- 1.24.1 Please provide the year in which the real dollars are based for the above Figure 5-4 graphic to enable a present value view of these expenditures.

**ORIGINAL RESPONSE:**

For Figure 5-4 in Chapter 5 of the Application, referenced in the preamble to the question, the real dollars are based on fiscal 2021.

**REVISED RESPONSE:**

For Figure 5-4 in Chapter 5 of the Application, referenced in the preamble to the question, the real dollars are based on fiscal ~~2021~~2020.