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Mr. Patrick Wruck
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Dear Mr. Wruck:

**RE: British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
Fiscal 2023 to Fiscal 2025 Revenue Requirements Application**

BC Hydro writes to advise that it will be filing its Fiscal 2023 to 2025 Revenue Requirements Application on August 31, 2021 (**Application**) and to propose a regulatory process for the review of the Application.

During the proceeding on BC Hydro's Fiscal 2020 to Fiscal 2021 Revenue Requirements Application, the BCUC expressed a desire to realign the timing of BC Hydro's future Revenue Requirement Applications. The goal is for applications to be submitted earlier so that there is enough time remaining in the test period under review for BC Hydro to implement directives within that period. BC Hydro and a number of interveners supported this objective.

In order to achieve this outcome, the BCUC directed BC Hydro to file a one-year Revenue Requirements Application for fiscal 2022 by December 2020, to be reviewed through a streamlined process. Streamlining the fiscal 2022 process realigned the timing of BC Hydro's future Revenue Requirements Applications, starting with the Application and subsequent fiscal years.

BC Hydro provides the following proposal for the review of the Application. In BC Hydro's view, this proposed regulatory review process will provide the BCUC and interveners with the time required to review the Application while enabling the BCUC to issue its Decision with enough time remaining in the test period for BC Hydro to implement directives within that period.

Table 1 Proposed Regulatory Review Process for the Application

Process	Date
Application Filed	August 31, 2021
BCUC Information Request No.1 to BC Hydro	October 5, 2021
Intervener Information Request No. 1 to BC Hydro	October 12, 2021
BC Hydro responds to BCUC and Intervener Information Request No. 1	November 18, 2021
BCUC Information Request No.2 to BC Hydro	December 14, 2021
Intervener Information Request No. 2 to BC Hydro	December 21, 2021
BC Hydro responds to BCUC and Intervener Information Request No. 2	February 10, 2022
Intervener Evidence Filed	March 8, 2022
Procedural Conference to decide remainder of process	March 17, 2022
Information Requests on Intervener Evidence	March 31, 2022
Intervenors respond to Information Requests	April 21, 2022
BC Hydro files Rebuttal Evidence	May 12, 2022
Further Process	TBD

There are two points of note about the timetable. First, we have set aside five weeks (six weeks for intervenors) before the initial round of information requests, recognizing the volume of material in the Application. There is also approximately a month (approximately five weeks for intervenors) between the round one responses and the date for parties to ask round two information requests.

Second, we have proposed that the first procedural conference occur after the completion of the two rounds of information requests and after the deadline for filing intervenor evidence. This is efficient and fair. Typically, if the BCUC sets a procedural conference early in the proceeding, one of the main topics canvassed is the number of rounds of information requests (one vs. two); in this case, BC Hydro is proposing two rounds. If the procedural conference is held at the time that BC Hydro has suggested, one question will be whether an oral hearing is necessary (and, if so, the format and scope of an oral component). BC Hydro is open to participating in an oral hearing or review session and it makes sense to determine whether one should take place, after the information request responses and intervenor evidence, when the key issues are crystallized. In the event that an unforeseen procedural issue were to arise earlier in the process before the proposed procedural conference, the BCUC could at that point modify the timetable as necessary.

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For further information, please contact Joe Maloney at 604-623-4348 or by email at bhydroregulatorygroup@bhydro.com.

Yours sincerely,



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