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2015 RDA Pre-Application Workshop Attendees

Dear Sir or Madam:

**RE: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)  
2015 Rate Design Application (RDA) - Pre-Application Workshop Funding**

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BC Hydro writes further to the May 8, 2014 workshop where British Columbia Pensioners' and Seniors' Organization (**BCSPO**) and Mr. Fred Weisberg asked BC Hydro to consider whether Participant Assistance/Cost Award (**PACA**) funding would be available for pre-application 2015 RDA workshops, and indicated that in the absence of such funding it could be difficult for certain stakeholders to participate in the workshops. BC Hydro wrote to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (**BCUC**) on May 29, 2014 to request confirmation that pre-application workshops for the 2015 RDA qualify for PACA. On June 17, 2014 the BCUC replied to BC Hydro denying BC Hydro's request that the BCUC extend PACA funding for the pre-application workshops. Both the BC Hydro request letter and the BCUC response are posted to BC Hydro's 2015 RDA website.

At the June 19, 2014 Cost of Service workshop, BC Hydro reiterated its view that stakeholder participation in the pre-application workshops will lead to a more effective and efficient 2015 RDA regulatory review process for the reasons set out in BC Hydro's letter dated May 29, 2014. BC Hydro indicated that it was reviewing both the BCUC PACA Guidelines and the stakeholder engagement funding guidelines used by Hydro One Networks Inc. (**Hydro One**), which BCPSO provided as part of its feedback concerning the May 8, 2014 workshop, to determine the appropriate method for BC Hydro funding for qualifying stakeholders who attend and participate in the 2015 RDA pre-application workshops. Common to both the PACA Guidelines and Hydro One stakeholder engagement guidelines is the notion of eligibility criteria and eligible costs.

To support participation in 2015 RDA pre-application workshops, BC Hydro will provide funding to participants and their consultants to enable them to participate in the pre-application workshops. Participant funding will be based on the BCUC PACA Guidelines, which can be found at: [http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Guidelines/2011/DOC\\_5014\\_G-72-07\\_PACA\\_2007\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Guidelines/2011/DOC_5014_G-72-07_PACA_2007_Guidelines.pdf). BC Hydro will treat each pre-application workshop as a proceeding day. Where reports or other materials are circulated in advance for review for the workshop, the ratio of two days per workshop day will apply. Where materials are not circulated, the workshops will be treated as a single proceeding day.

Applications for funding should be sent via email to: [bhydroregulatorygroup@bhydro.com](mailto:bhydroregulatorygroup@bhydro.com) no later than 60 days after attendance at the workshop for which funding is being applied. For funding for the May 8, 2014 workshop, BC Hydro will accept Applications up to 60 days following the June 19, 2014 workshop. Please ensure that the full name and mailing address of the Applicant is set out in the Application to BC Hydro.

In your request for payment please provide the following:

1. State clearly who the amount is payable to and the mailing address.
2. Provide a breakdown of costs and applicable GST/PST charges as follows:
  - External Counsel fees
  - Consultant fees
  - Disbursements

For further information, please contact Gordon Doyle at 604-623-3815 or by email at [bhydroregulatorygroup@bhydro.com](mailto:bhydroregulatorygroup@bhydro.com).

Yours sincerely,



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