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British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Rates and Regulatory Group
333 Dunsmuir St
Vancouver, BC V6B 5R3

Attention: Justin Miedema

Dear Mr. Miedema:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed enforcement and tariff measures as presented at the January 20, 2014 BC Hydro Open Access Transmission Tariff – Balancing Area Transmission Service Workshop. The following written comments should be considered in addition to my verbal comments made at the workshop.

- The Alberta Electricity System Operator's (AESO) set aside of transmission capacity on the BC-Alberta intertie and the corresponding reduction in commercial availability is a significant concern for the Government of British Columbia and the Minister of Energy and Mines.
- The commercial availability of the intertie and the benefits to British Columbia have been declining in recent years and this causes harm to all British Columbia ratepayers.
- We support BC Hydro's enforcement of its existing Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) to prevent unauthorized use of British Columbia transmission capacity by the AESO.
- We also support the concept of a tariff to allow the AESO to become a BC Hydro OATT customer. We believe that price signals need to be sent to the AESO to restore the intertie's commercial availability and that BC Hydro and its customers should be fairly compensated for the AESO's use of BC Hydro's transmission system.

Sincerely,

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