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Dear Ms. Barnett:

Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
WTS Application - Amendments to Regulatory Timetable

In a letter dated September 23, 1997, the City of Calgary Electric System (Calgary) requested an extension to the regulatory timetable concerning the Wholesale Transmission Services Application of B.C. Hydro and Power Authority. In its letter, Calgary indicates concerns about the timeliness and completeness of B.C. Hydro's responses to the first round of information requests and states that it is essential that the current B.C. Hydro FACOS study be made available to intervenors to assist in the preparation of information requests and intervenor evidence.

Calgary has requested that the Commission delay the deadline for filing of intervenor evidence until November 4, 1997 to reflect delays experienced in the information request and response process and to allow intervenors time to receive and review the FACOS study. Calgary believes that its requested changes can be accommodated with little inconvenience and without rescheduling the commencement of the hearing on November 17, 1997.

Calgary circulated its letter to all intervenors and the Commission has since received letters of support for the Calgary request from TransCanada Energy Ltd., Willis Energy Services Ltd. and Enron Capital and Trade Resources Canada Corp.

Having reviewed Calgary's request, the Commission believes that there are several reasons why an extension to the regulatory timetable for filing of information requests and intervenor evidence, is required. The Commission shares the concerns of both intervenors and Commission staff regarding delays in B.C. Hydro's filing of responses to information requests, the quality of information in some responses which have been filed, and the need to review the 1996/97 FACOS study. The Commission has concluded that these concerns can be accommodated by adding a third round of information requests.

Therefore, the Commission has amended the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to Commission Order No. G-83-97 as shown in the Attachment to this letter. Moreover, the Commission notes that intervenors and Commission staff will require sufficient time to review and determine if there are information requests arising out of the 1996/97 FACOS study. For this reason, and because the study currently exists at least in draft form, the Commission directs B.C. Hydro to file the most recent version of the 1996/97 FACOS study with the Commission and circulate copies to intervenors no later than Wednesday, October 1, 1997.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Pellatt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert J. Pellatt

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Attachment

cc: Registered Intervenors

AMENDED REGULATORY TIMETABLE

A Hearing into the Issue of British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's Wholesale Transmission Services Application

ACTION	DATE
1. Deadline for Publication of Hearing Notice	July 31, 1997
2. Deadline for filing Budget for Participant Assistance	August 15, 1997
3. Information Requests Due to B.C. Hydro	August 22, 1997
4. Information Responses Due	September 12, 1997
5. 2nd Information Requests Due to B.C. Hydro	September 26, 1997
6. 2nd Information Responses Due	October 10, 1997
7. 3rd Information Requests Due to B.C. Hydro*	October 10, 1997
8. Regional Workshops	October 20-24, 1997
9. 3rd Information Responses Due	October 24, 1997
10. Intervenor Evidence Due	October 31, 1997
11. Pre-hearing Conference	November 3, 1997
12. Hearing Commences	November 17, 1997

* Information Requests filed after October 10, 1997 will be responded to by October 24, 1997 if possible, or no later than two weeks following requests that require extensive information gathering or analysis.