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BCH_Integrated Electricity Plan (IEP) Exhibit A-46

To: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Registered Intervenor (BCH-2006-IEP-RI)

Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro")
F2007 and F2008 Revenue Requirements Applications ("F07/08RRA") and
2006 Integrated Electricity Plan ("IEP") and Long-Term Acquisition Plan ("LTAP")
Response to BCUC Letter Inviting Comments on Matters arising from the Provincial Energy Plan ("Energy Plan II")

By letter dated February 27, 2007 (Exhibit A-45) the Commission invited comments from all parties on matters arising from the Energy Plan II that may affect issues and procedures relevant to the IEP/LTAP proceeding. The letter included a proposal from the Commission Panel to afford Intervenor the opportunity to make additional submissions and to extend the date for Reply Argument to Wednesday, March 7, 2007.

By letter dated February 28, 2007, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") submits that "Energy Plan II is a significant document that will require several months at a minimum to fully consider" and that the process and timelines proposed by the Commission do not afford the parties the opportunity to address Energy Plan II matters and expressed the view that Energy Plan II should not form part of the 2006 IEP/LTAP proceeding either by way of evidence or submissions, and that Energy Plan II would be more appropriately dealt with as part of its next LTAP filing.

BC Hydro's submission is supported by letters dated February 28, 2007 from the Joint Industry Electricity Steering Committee; the BC Old Age Pensioners Organization *et al.*; the Commercial Electricity Consumers of BC; Columbia Power Corporation; and the Independent Power Producers Association of British Columbia ("IPPBC") which submits "There is enough information on the record to allow the BCUC to make a determination with respect to the Orders/Endorsements/Commentaries/Requests that BC Hydro is seeking as set out on pages 8-12 of BC Hydro's Final Argument and the Orders and Directions that IPPBC is seeking, as set out in its final argument".

By letters dated February 28, 2007, the Sierra Club of Canada British Columbia *et al.* and Energy Solutions for Vancouver Island Society support Energy Plan II being entered as an exhibit and wish to make supplementary submissions.

Having reviewed all the comments to its letter dated February 27, 2007 (Exhibit A-45) the Commission Panel determines that the Energy Plan II should not form part of the 2006 IEP/LTAP proceeding or record, and that BC Hydro's Reply Argument should be filed by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2007.

The Commission Panel does not propose to comment on BC Hydro's proposal to file a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Application for Revelstoke 5.

Following receipt and perusal of BC Hydro's Reply Argument, the Commission Panel will determine whether an Oral Phase of Argument is required and will communicate its decision to all parties shortly thereafter.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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