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Mr. Nick Farina
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Dear Mr. Farina:

**Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Complaint - Supply of Power to 2020 Oxford Connector, Port Coquitlam**

This letter is in response to your letter dated August 28, 2007 regarding the supply of power and metering arrangements to 2020 Oxford Connector, Port Coquitlam ("2020 Oxford") and your complaint dated July 11, 2007. Your August 28 letter restates your complaint and asks that the Commission resolve the complaint by agreeing that the wording in the BC Hydro tariff does not include, or mean, BC Hydro meters.

The Commission's interpretation of the Tariff is that the meters are intended to be BC Hydro's. The section titled "Metering" on page B-21 states that:

"In order to determine for billing purposes the quantity of electricity consumed by the customer, one consumption meter and, where required, one associated demand meter will be installed by the Authority on the customer's premises ...".

Further, the Commission agrees with the rationale of BC Hydro for requiring that the revenue meters to its customers should be supplied by BC Hydro as set out on page 3 of its July 18 letter. As the customers will be receiving power and be billed by BC Hydro it is sensible that BC Hydro should provide the metering in order to carry out activities such as facilitating meter repairs to ensure that disruptions to power supply to the customer are minimized and resolving billing disputes concerning the metered consumption of energy.

It appears from Enerpro's July 11, 2007 complaint letter that the customers at the property in question will be BC Hydro customers and, accordingly, the Commission finds that BC Hydro has the authority to provide its meters to its customers.

The Commission is not aware of the nature of the services or the design of the utility services at 2020 Oxford and so cannot comment on whether or not, the nature of those services or the design of the building would make it "impracticable" for each unit to be metered individually as described under the section on Multiple Nonresidential Occupancy and set out on page B-33-3 of the tariff. If it were impracticable as set out in the tariff, it might be appropriate for the development as a whole to be served as the BC Hydro customer and metered through a single meter.

The Commission supports developments and designs that encourage efficient use of energy and resources. At the same time, the Commission must approve and support tariffs and procedures that assure safe, reliable service to customers at fair, just and reasonable rates.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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