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Mr. Keith Boutcher
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Dear Mr. Boutcher:

Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
F2007 and F2008 Revenue Requirements Application ("F07/08 RRA")
BCUC Order No. G-37-06/Project No. 3698419
Participant Assistance/Cost Award – Order No. G-15-04
Reconsideration of Participant Assistance/Cost Award Order No. F-3-07 for
Independent Power Producers of British Columbia

On January 31, 2007, the Independent Power Producers of British Columbia ("IPPBC") filed a request for Reconsideration of the reduction of Participant Assistance Cost Award funding that was awarded under Commission Order No. F-3-07 issued January 24, 2007. IPPBC applied for \$64,086 and the Commission awarded IPPBC \$49,246. IPPBC requests that the Commission reconsider the funding reduction and increase the award to the amount applied for by \$14,840 being the difference between what the IPPBC applied for and what it received ("the Reconsideration Application").

The Commission Panel in Order No. F-3-07 noted that IPPBC did not provide resumes for the two consultants to establish the consultants' 10+ years of related experience at the \$1,200 daily fee. The Commission Panel was of the view that the 20 days provided by the two consultants should be awarded at the case manager rate of \$500 per day.

The Reconsideration Application noted that that IPPBC provided resumes for both Mr. Steve Davis and Mr. James Weimer to the Commission in November and December 2006 for the BC Hydro 2006 Integrated Electricity Plan and Long-Term Acquisition Plan ("2006 IEP/LTAP") proceeding and were not additionally sent under subject lines referring to the F07/08 RRA. IPPBC considered the overlap and intermingling between the 2006 IEP/LTAP and F07/08 RRA proceedings and that sending two separate copies of the same resumes to the Commission Secretary was redundant and unnecessary. IPPBC feels that it responded to the spirit if not the specifics of filing the resumes. IPPBC notes that PACA funding is needed since IPPBC is a non-profit society with voluntary membership and IPPBC does not yet have the means to intervene effectively in Commission review processes without full reimbursement of its consultants.

The Commission Panel has reviewed the resumes of Mr. Davis and Mr. Weimer and considered IPPBC's interest in the F07/08 RRA. The Commission Panel notes that the resume of Mr. Davis indicates that he is presently both a consultant and President of IPPBC. His experience, though beyond 10 years in the energy industry, is not particularly related to revenue requirements matters. The Commission Panel notes that the resume of Mr. Weimer indicates that he is presently both a consultant and a Director of IPPBC. His experience is beyond 10 years in the energy industry and includes some financial experience that may be relevant to revenue requirements matters. The Commission Panel is of the view that Mr. Davis and Mr. Weimer were hired because of their involvement in IPPBC rather than as consultants with particular expertise in revenue requirements applications.

The Commission Panel has considered the Reconsideration Application and concludes that the case manager rate of \$500 per day is appropriate for each of Mr. Davis and Mr. Weimer. The IPPBC Reconsideration Application is denied.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Robert J. Pellatt

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cc: Ms. Joanna Sofield
Chief Regulatory Officer
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority