



LETTER NO. L-33-08

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**BC HYDRO ~ RESIDENTIAL
INCLINING BLOCK RATE**

EXHIBIT A-12

To: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Registered Intervenors (*BCH-RIB-RI*)

Re: British Columbia Power and Hydro Authority ("BC Hydro")
Residential Inclining Block Rate ("RIB") Application
Commission Order No. G-76-08

Commission Order No. G-76-08 dated April 28, 2008 (Exhibit A-6) established that the Oral Public Hearing will commence on Monday, June 16, 2008. By letter dated May 29, 2008 (Exhibit A-9), the Commission requested comments from all Parties on the need for the Commission Panel to determine the scope of the review in a Panel-issued Final Issues List and whether a Staff Issues List should be circulated to all Parties for comment prior to determining the final scope of the review.

The Commission has received submissions from five Intervenors and BC Hydro. The Commission Panel notes that there is no consensus among the Intervenors. After reviewing the submissions, the Commission Panel finds that there is no need for either a Panel-issued Final Issues List or a Staff Issues List given BC Hydro's submission that it is prepared to respond to topics and issues raised in the Application and in Information Requests. Accordingly, none will be issued for this proceeding.

With respect to the letter from counsel for BCOAPO *et al.* dated June 2, 2008 (Exhibit C10-5) which speculated that the Commission may wish to resolve general issues regarding its mandate and jurisdiction related to impacts on low-income British Columbians at the outset, the Commission Panel advises BCOAPO *et al.* and all Parties that it will hear all of the evidence, submissions and Arguments relevant to the Application, and will make its determination in respect of the Application, inclusive of any jurisdictional or like issues raised in the course of the proceeding, in accordance with the Utilities Commission Act.

Yours truly,

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