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VIA EMAIL

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BC HYDRO – DAWSON CREEK/CHETWYND TRANSMISSION PROJECT CPCN	EXHIBIT A-26
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TO: Ms. Janet Fraser
Chief Regulatory Officer
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
(bchydroregulatorygroup@bchydro.com)

Registered Interveners
(BCH-DC/Cat-RI)

Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Project No. 3698640/Order G-132-11
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Application
for the Dawson Creek/Chetwynd Area Transmission Project

Request to Reactivate the Hearing Process

By letter dated March 23, 2012, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) requested that the Dawson Creek/Chetwynd Area Transmission (DCAT) Project hearing process be reactivated, made submissions on limiting the scope of the hearing and the recommended subsequent procedural steps. (Exhibit B-22)

By letter dated March 27, 2012, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) sought Intervener submissions on Exhibit B-22. Specifically, the parties were asked to indicate whether they intend to file evidence, whether any issues can be removed from the scope of the proceeding as a result of BC Hydro's letter and whether a procedural conference, tentatively planned for April 16, 2012, would be required. (Exhibit A-25)

The Commission received submissions from the following Interveners:

- Air Liquide Canada (ALC);
- ARC Resources Ltd., Encana Corporation and Murphy Oil Company Limited (AEM);
- Association of Major Power Customers of BC (AMPC);
- BC Old Age Pensioner Organization *et al* (BCOAPO);
- BC Sustainable Energy Association and the Sierra Club of British Columbia (BCSEA);
- Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP);
- Clean Energy Association of B.C. (CEA);
- Commercial Energy Consumers Association of BC (CEC);
- Current Solutions Incorporated (CSI);
- Ministry of Energy and Mines (MEM);
- Gary and Marilyn Robinson;
- Shell Canada Limited (SC); and

- West Moberly First Nations (WMFN)

BC Hydro filed its reply to Interveners' submissions on April 5, 2012. (Exhibit B-24)

The Commission Panel grants BC Hydro's request to reactivate the DCAT proceeding and lifts the temporary suspension. However, after reviewing all submissions received, the Commission Panel finds that it needs more information to determine the scope of the proceeding. Until that time, all questions included in the Commission Panel Information Request (IR) as well as the Commission and Intervener IRs No. 3 to BC Hydro are still outstanding. Accordingly, the following immediate procedural steps are required:

- BC Hydro is to clearly identify which Panel and round three IRs are, in its submission, out of scope and is also to include an explanation and/or a justification for its position; BC Hydro is further to identify which IRs it believes have been answered in Exhibit B-22 or are no longer otherwise relevant by **Tuesday, April 17, 2012;**
- Intervener comments on BC Hydro's response are to be received by **Tuesday, April 24, 2012;** and
- A Procedural Conference will be held at 9:00 a.m., Commission Hearing Room, Twelfth Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC on **Wednesday, May 2, 2012** to address the submissions.

The procedural conference tentatively planned for Monday, April 16, 2012 will not take place.

The Commission Panel will make further determination on the scheduling of any further IRs and Intervener evidence once the scope of the hearing has been established.

Yours truly,

Alanna Gillis

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