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VIA EMAIL

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December 17, 2015

Ms. Sharon Noble
818 Bexhill Place
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Dear Ms. Noble:

Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
2015 Rate Design Application
Proposed Minimum Reconnection Charges

Thank you for your email dated December 15, 2015, regarding the recently filed tariff pages from BC Hydro related to minimum reconnection charges. In the email, you ask if: (1) the Commission can direct you to the document(s) filed in support of this portion of the rate design and whether it is considered a new application; and (2) the Commission will hear concerns regarding the increase in reconnection fee to \$700 being discriminatory and punitive.

Question 1:

The filed tariff pages from BC Hydro are not considered a new application. BC Hydro filed its 2015 Rate Design Application (Application) on September 24, 2015. In the Application, BC Hydro proposed, among other things, a decrease of charges related to remote and manual reconnections from \$125 per meter to \$30 per meter and a charge of \$700 per meter for customer refused access reconnection.

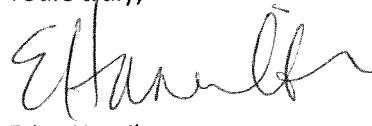
Following a round of submissions from registered interveners and BC Hydro, the Commission issued Order G-175-15 setting the proposed minimum reconnection charges on an interim basis effective December 1, 2015. "Interim basis" means that the charges are still subject to a public hearing review and if the final approved charges are different from the interim charges, the difference will be reflected in rates. Order G-175-15 and accompanying reasons can be found online at:
http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Proceedings/2015/DOC_44974_A-4_AppendixB-Submissions_G-175-15.pdf.

Question 2:

In Order G-156-15, the Commission established a regulatory timetable to review BC Hydro's Application. The timetable includes an opportunity for Commission and intervener information requests to BC Hydro. The Commission will also accept letters of comment from parties not registered to participate as interveners in the proceeding. Letters of comment must contain the commenter's name, contact information and a statement of their position on the application. Letters of comment form part of the public record for the proceeding and are

posted on the Commission's website. Letters of comment must be received before the close of the evidentiary record. For more information, please see Order G-156-15 online at http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Proceedings/2015/DOC_44711_A-2_Procedural-Order-Timetable.pdf.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erica Hamilton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping tail.

Erica Hamilton

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