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May 16, 2016

**BC HYDRO F2017–F2019  
REVENUE REQUIREMENTS EXHIBIT A-4**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
F2017 to F2019 Revenue Requirements Application

In the review of an interim application by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) for its F2017 to F2019 Revenue Requirements (Application), the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued a letter dated March 22, 2016 (Exhibit A-3) outlining its intent to hold Community Input Sessions in several locations in BC Hydro’s service area. These Community Input Sessions will also be audio-streamed through the Commission’s website. The Commission establishes the following sessions:

DATE (2016)	LOCATION
Friday, June 10 – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	<b>Victoria:</b> Arbutus A Room Delta Hotel Victoria Ocean Pointe Hotel Resort & Spa 100 Harbour Road, Victoria, BC V9A 0G1
Saturday, June 11 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	<b>Nanaimo:</b> Benson Room Coast Bastion Hotel 11 Bastion Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 6E4
Monday, June 13 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	<b>Prince George:</b> Summit & Taber Rooms Coast Inn of the North 770 Brunswick Street, Prince George, BC V2L 2C2
Tuesday, June 14 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	<b>Fort St. John:</b> Scotty Room Pomeroy Hotel 11308 Alaska Road, Fort St. John, BC V1J 5T5
Thursday, June 16 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	<b>Vancouver:</b> Commission Hearing Room 1188 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC V5Z 2S8

The intent of the Community Input Sessions is to inform members of the public on how to participate in the Commission’s regulatory processes, to explain the scope of BC Hydro’s Application, and provide an opportunity for parties to dialogue with the Panel appointed by the Commission to review the Application of their interests specific to this Application.

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT THE COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION?

The Community Input Session will generally proceed in the following order:

- The presiding Panel Chair will make an opening statement.
- Presentations will be made by Commission staff to inform parties on how to participate in the proceeding and explain the scope and content of BC Hydro's Application.
- Parties will have the opportunity to dialogue with the Panel on their interests in this Application. Any parties wishing to make a statement during the Community Input Sessions should register with Mr. Paul Miller, Commission Counsel [pmiller@boughtonlaw.com / 604-647-4102] no later than 24 hours prior to the commencement of each scheduled Community Input Session.
- All dialogue at the Community Input Sessions will be transcribed and placed on the public record.

## DEFINITIONS

### **Applicant**

BC Hydro is a Crown corporation established in 1964 under the *Hydro and Power Authority Act*. BC Hydro is the third largest electric utility in Canada with a customer base serving 95 percent of British Columbia's population in a service area that encompasses most of British Columbia with the exception of the City of New Westminster (which provides its own service) and the south-central part of the province served by FortisBC Inc.

### **Application**

On February 26, 2016, BC Hydro filed an application to the Commission seeking approval for an interim rate increase of 4.0 percent effective April 1, 2016. BC Hydro is undertaking a comprehensive review of its forecasts and expects an update to its revenue requirements to be completed in the summer of 2016, and therefore proposes to file a complete F2017 to F2019 Revenue Requirements Application later this summer. The rate increases that will be applied for are 4.0 percent for F2017, 3.5 percent for F2018 and 3.0 percent for F2019, which are consistent with the rate caps set out in the government's Ten Year Rates Plan for the stated period. All rate changes will be effective April 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year.

On March 22, 2016, the Commission issued order G-40-16 granting approval for BC Hydro to apply a 4.0 percent interim rate increase effective April 1, 2016, to be applied as set out in Appendix D of the Interim Rates Application and reflected on the rate schedules filed with the Interim Rates Application in Appendix E.

### **Commission Counsel**

Commission Counsel advises the Panel on legal matters. Commission Counsel is also responsible for scheduling members of the public who wish to make a statement at the Community Input Session. Commission Counsel is available to assist members of the public who have questions related to the regulatory process.

### **Panel**

The Panel hearing the Application consists of the Panel Chair, David Morton, Commissioner Karen Keilty and Commissioner Douglas Enns (Exhibit A-1).

### **Evidentiary Record**

Statements made at the Community Input Sessions will be transcribed and will form a part of the official record of the proceeding.

**Transcription Services**

The Commission has retained Allwest Reporting Ltd. to make verbatim transcripts of the Community Input Sessions. A copy of the transcript of the Community Input Sessions will be available for review on the Commission's website at [www.bcuc.com](http://www.bcuc.com) on the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority F2017 to F2019 Revenue Requirements Application proceeding page.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Ross". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "R".

Laurel Ross

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cc: BC Hydro F2012-2014 RRA and BC Hydro 2015 RDA  
Interested parties and registered interveners