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Ms. Erica M. Hamilton
Commission Secretary
British Columbia Utilities Commission
Sixth Floor – 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

RE: Project No. 3698514
British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC)
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
2008 Long-Term Acquisition Plan (2008 LTAP)

BC Hydro writes with respect to the Evidentiary Update filed as Exhibit B-10 in the 2008 LTAP proceeding, and in particular with respect to BC Hydro's request for an amendment to the Order sought to reduce the Clean Power Call pre-attrition target to 3,000 GWh per year.

The Evidentiary Update includes a load forecast which projects future electricity needs in British Columbia within a large range of outcomes. Even this large range may not necessarily capture all of the uncertainties inherent in possible future demand for electricity. These uncertainties include those associated with the recovery of the economy which is related to world economic events, as well as opportunities created by British Columbia initiatives. Further uncertainties and opportunities result from the potential future demand created by the transformation to a low carbon economy, a British Columbia initiative as well as a world-wide trend. These further uncertainties and opportunities include the switching from other fuels to electricity for personal transportation, mass transit, heating and other applications. As a result of all of these uncertainties and opportunities, and the 2007 Energy Plan's goal to achieve electricity self-sufficiency by 2016, BC Hydro does not want to limit its opportunities to acquire cost-effective renewable power through competitive processes with independent power producers.

Pursuant to Section 18 of the Clean Power Call Request for Proposals (filed as Appendix M, Exhibit B-1-1), in awarding Electricity Purchase Agreements (EPAs) BC Hydro may in its sole discretion at the time of evaluation consider the load/resource balance, price and other evaluation criteria.



This Clean Power Call evaluation process may result in BC Hydro awarding EPAs up to or greater than the original target of 5,000 GWh per year if the EPAs are cost-effective. Such EPAs would be subject to BCUC review under the Section 71 filing process.

Yours sincerely,



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