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Ms. Heidi Kirrmaier,  
Vice President, Regulatory  
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Dear Ms. Kirrmaier:

**RE: Interim Solution to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)  
Request for Expanded Service at Fort Nelson  
Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) Application to the Alberta Energy  
and Utilities Board (AEUB) for Interim Fort Nelson Rider H**

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As you are aware, BC Hydro has been working with the AESO over the past year in an effort to find a mutually acceptable manner of increasing demand transmission service capacity to BC Hydro at Fort Nelson to accommodate a request for increased service from one of our customers in the Fort Nelson area.

In this regard BC Hydro has been working co-operatively with the AESO to find a way to allow this customer to be served, while at the same time addressing a number of other potentially viable long term solutions to dealing with increased load growth in the Rainbow Lake/Fort Nelson areas.

BC Hydro believes that our two organizations have found an acceptable interim solution to achieving a 10 MW increase in service to Fort Nelson, and as such BC Hydro fully supports the AESO's application for the Interim Refundable Fort Nelson Rider H.

BC Hydro hopes the AEUB will consider this application as expeditiously as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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