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VIA EMAIL

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TO: Registered entities in the BC MRS Program:

Re: British Columbia Mandatory Reliability Standards (MRS) Program
Reliability Coordinator for British Columbia

This letter is to provide clarification to registered entities of the British Columbia MRS Program regarding the bifurcation of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) and the change of the Reliability Coordinator function from WECC to Peak Reliability.

As of January 1, 2014, WECC received approval from the United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to bifurcate into two separate entities and approval to sub-delegate the Reliability Coordinator function to Peak Reliability (Peak) for the Western Interconnection. The Western Interconnection includes all or parts of fourteen states, Alberta, British Columbia and parts of Baja California, Mexico.

On November 24, 2014, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) submitted an email letter informing the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) that as of October 8, 2014, BC Hydro, as the Balancing Authority for the Province of BC, entered into a Membership and Services Agreement (Agreement) with Peak for the provision of Reliability Coordinator services for the BC Balancing Authority Area. The Agreement is for a five-year term with termination by either party upon 18 months written notice. Reliability Coordinator functions include assessing transmission reliability and coordinating system operations via authority to act, and to direct actions to preserve integrity and reliability of the Bulk Electric System.

The Commission acknowledges the bifurcation and sub-delegation of the Reliability Coordinator function from WECC to Peak and recognizes Peak as the Reliability Coordinator for the British Columbia Balancing Authority area. Consistent with Directive 5 of Order G-123-09, entities registered as functional entities must follow the directions of the Reliability Coordinator as required by adopted British Columbia reliability standards, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

Yours truly,

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