

April 05, 2021

BC Utilities Commission Suite 410 900 Howe St. Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

Via email: commission.secretary@bcuc.com

RE: BC Hydro and Power Authority's 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application

## To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Village of Burns Lake Council, please accept this letter in opposition to BC Hydro's 2020 Street Lighting Rate application.

In the application submitted by BC Hydro in November 2020, seeking approval of an increase in the monthly rate charged per overhead streetlight, within the proposed increased rate is a surcharge to recover the costs incurred by BC Hydro to convert existing overhead streetlights to Light Emitting Diode (LED).

The Village of Burns Lake applauds the environmental benefits of converting the streetlights to LED and is happy with the streetlighting that has been changed in our community. However, Council does not support the downloading of the conversion costs (including disposal of existing ballasts that may contain PCBs) to municipalities through a surcharge.

Thank you for considering our concern of downloading of expenses when evaluating BC Hydro's Street Lighting Rate Application.

Sincerely,

Dolores Funk, Mayor

cc: Mayor Lynn Hall - mayor@princegeorge.ca