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April 13, 2021

British Columbia Utilities Commission
Suite 401, 900 Howe Street
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Via email: commission.secretary@bcuc.com

To Whom it May Concern:

**Re: Letter in Support of the City of Prince George
(Opposition to BC Hydro's 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application)**

At its regular meeting of April 12, 2021, District of Elkford Council reviewed the attached correspondence from the City of Prince George, dated March 17, 2021, regarding BC Hydro's 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application. On behalf of Council, please accept this letter in support of Prince George's opposition and its requests.

The District of Elkford's awareness and support of energy efficient operations is anchored in our Official Community Plan, and we have taken several steps towards improved efficiency in our operations. One of these steps is the staged replacement of our own streetlights to LED technology. We are cognizant of the cost impacts of the conversion, and feel that BC Hydro's rate increase and surcharge is a cost responsibility being unfairly downloaded to British Columbia municipalities.

We respectfully request that our support be considered alongside the City of Prince George's concerns in the evaluation of BC Hydro's Street Lighting Rate Application.

Sincerely,

Dean McKerracher
Mayor

Enclosure: City of Prince George Letter

Cc: Council, District of Elkford
Mayor and Council, City of Prince George

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March 17, 2021

By email: commission.secretary@bcuc.com

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Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

RE: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro): 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Prince George Council, please accept this letter in opposition to BC Hydro's proposed 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application (Application).

The Application, submitted by BC Hydro in November 2020, seeks approval for an increase in the monthly rate charged per street light which includes a surcharge to recover the costs incurred by BC Hydro to convert existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) light fixtures to LED fixtures.

While the City of Prince George supports the environmental benefits that will result from the conversion to LED technology, we are not in support of a surcharge rate downloaded to municipalities to cover the disposal of existing lights and their associated depreciation costs.

As such, we respectfully request that the City's concerns be considered in the evaluation of BC Hydro's Street Lighting Rate Application.

Sincerely,

Mayor Lyn Hall

cc: All UBCM Member Local Governments