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VIA EMAIL: commission.secretary@bcuc.com

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

Dear Commission Members:

Re: BC Hydro Streetlighting Rate Increase / Termination of Private Light Systems

We are writing to express our strong objection to BC Hydro's proposal to increase streetlighting rates for its LED Streetlight Program and terminate its Private Light System.

Although the move to LED lights is supported for its environmental benefits, we do not support local governments being charged for the disposal of the existing lights and associated depreciation costs; those costs must be borne by BC Hydro. In addition, the elimination of the Private Light System that has been in existence for years will have a detrimental effect on our rural residents, as it will open isolated areas to more theft, vandalism or other crime. The BC Cattlemen's Association has serious objections to the elimination of this system, and we share those concerns.

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Please weigh our concerns heavily when evaluating BC Hydro's proposals; the impacts will be far-reaching and are unfair if permitted to go through as proposed. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Chair Margo Wagner
Cariboo Regional District

Yours truly,

Mayor Gabe Fourchalk
District of Wells

Mayor Bob Simpson
City of Quesnel

Mayor Walt Cobb
City of Williams Lake

Mayor Mitch Campsall
District of 100 Mile House

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