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Subject: FW: Vancouver Island Generation Project

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From: Okrainetz, Glen R WLAP:EX
Sent: March 24, 2003 9:10 AM
To: Thoroughgood, Garth A EAO:EX
Cc: Currie, Anne EAO:EX; Thiessen, Lee WLAP:EX; McCormick, Warren WLAP:EX
Subject: RE: Vancouver Island Generation Project

Garth -

Sorry for the delay in responding to the issues raised during the January 27, 2003 meeting of the Vancouver Island Generating Project Technical Working Group. Our responses are below.

1) BC Hydro references the British Columbia Climate Change Business Plan: 2002-2002/03 as a guidance document for the preparation of the VIGP project application documents. The TWG would like to know if the Business Plan represents current government policy with respect to climate change.

Response:

The British Columbia Climate Change Business Plan: 2002-2002/03 was drafted as the provincial contribution to the national business plan developed under the auspices of the Joint Ministers of Energy and Environment. The Joint Ministers process under which the Business Plan was formulated is in hiatus and the national business plan has been superseded by the unilateral action of Canada to formulate and release the Climate Change Plan for Canada.

While the objectives and actions of Business Plan are still sound, it will be superseded by a climate change strategy currently under development by British Columbia. Implementation of the provincial and federal plans will provide the policy framework for climate change in future, not the national and provincial business plans.

2) The TWG would like to receive a copy of the draft guidelines for preparing a greenhouse gas mitigation strategy developed by our ministry in 2000 as they were used by BC Hydro in the preparation of a greenhouse gas mitigation plan for the VIGP. While they have never been formally adopted, the draft guidelines have become used as a matter of common practice in the environmental assessment process. As the draft guidelines were used by BC Hydro, and have already had limited distribution in the public domain, I recommend that they be shared with the TWG.

Response:

The draft guidelines for preparing a greenhouse gas mitigation strategy, attached, were developed by our ministry in 2000. While they have never been formally adopted, the draft guidelines have become used as a matter of common practice in the environmental assessment process. The guideline is intended as a guidance document rather than as a prescription, and it is expected that each proponent will adapt the information to suit the characteristics of their project.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further information needs.

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From: Thoroughgood, Garth A EAO:EX

Sent: March 6, 2003 9:04 AM
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Subject: Vancouver Island Generation Project

Hi Glen,

I have been tasked with following up on action items from previous VIGP Technical Working Group meetings.

There are a couple of items that have your name attached. They are:

- Glen to check to see whether the 2000/01 - 2002/03 *BC Business Plan on Climate Change* represents current provincial policy.
- Glen to check whether GHG guidelines are available to distribute to the Technical Working Group.

If you could please provide information regarding the above it would be greatly appreciated.

Cheers,
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