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John Stephens
Chair
Columbia Power Corporation
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Dear John Stephens:

I would like to extend appreciation on behalf of Premier Horgan and the Executive Council for your dedication, and that of your board members, in leading your organization and helping government deliver on our priorities to British Columbians.

Government remains focused on its three strategic priorities: making life more affordable, delivering better services, and investing in a sustainable economy.

Every public sector organization is accountable to the citizens of British Columbia. The expectations of British Columbia's citizens are identified through their elected representatives, the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

This mandate letter, which I am sending in my capacity as Minister responsible for Columbia Power Corporation, on behalf of the Executive Council, communicates those expectations for your agency. It sets out overarching government priorities that will inform your agency's policies and programs, as well as specific direction on priorities and expectations for the coming fiscal year.

Our goal is to build a strong, sustainable economy that works for everyone. We are committed to working with you and other Crown Agencies to provide quality, cost-effective services to British Columbia families and businesses. By adopting the Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) lens and Framework for Improving British Columbians' Standard of Living into policy development, we will ensure that equity is reflected in government budgets, policies and programs. You are encouraged to apply the GBA+ lens in your Crown Agency operations and programs. In the same vein, appointments to agencies, boards and commissions reflect government's direction to promote equity and leadership at senior levels in the public and private sectors, with a view to building strong public sector boards that reflect the diversity of British Columbia.

Two key priorities that will underpin lasting prosperity are advancing reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and moving towards a low-carbon economy.

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In November 2019, government passed the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, which represents a crucial step towards true and lasting reconciliation. In keeping with the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Act was developed in collaboration with the First Nations Leadership Council to create a framework for reconciliation in British Columbia. All Crown Agencies are expected to incorporate the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* and Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission within their specific mandate and context.

Announced in December 2018, the CleanBC plan puts our province on the path to a cleaner, better future – with a low-carbon economy that creates opportunities while protecting our clean air, land and water. As part of the new accountability framework established in CleanBC, and consistent with the *Climate Change Accountability Act*, please ensure your organization plans to align operations with targets and strategies for minimizing greenhouse gas emissions and managing climate change risk. Please be prepared to work with government to report out on these plans and activities.

The Crown Agencies and Board Resourcing Office with the Ministry of Finance will continue to support you and your board on recruitment and appointments as needed, and will be expanding professional development opportunities in 2020/21. This will include online training modules and in-person conferences, as government works to support strong public sector boards that reflect the diversity of British Columbia.

Finally, having Canada's Digital Supercluster located in British Columbia creates an opportunity for industries, government ministries, crown agencies, public institutions and non-government organizations to collaborate in digital research and development projects. Should Columbia Power Corporation intend to participate in or be a funding partner for Digital Supercluster projects, you are asked to work closely with Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) staff to ensure that investments are aligned with Government's priorities and, wherever possible, undertaken collectively with partner ministries and organizations. MCFD will work with the Deputy Minister's Committee on the Digital Supercluster to ensure that projects are coordinated effectively across government.

As the Minister Responsible for Columbia Power Corporation, I expect that you will make substantive progress on the following priorities and incorporate them in the goals, objectives and performance measures in your 2020/21 Service Plan:

- Continue to ensure long-term profitability, reliability, safety and environmental sustainability of the facilities in which Columbia Power Corporation has an ownership share through effective and efficient management of plant operation and maintenance.

Each board member is required to sign the Mandate Letter to acknowledge government's direction to your organization. The signed Mandate Letter is to then be posted publicly on your organization's Web site.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and your Board colleagues to build a better British Columbia.

Sincerely,



Katrine Conroy
Minister



John Stephens,
Chair



David de Git,
Vice Chair



Les MacLaren,
Board Member



Alison MacLeod
Board Member

pc: Honourable John Horgan, Premier
Don Wright, Deputy Minister to the Premier and Cabinet Secretary
Lori Wanamaker, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance
Heather Wood, Associate Deputy Minister and Secretary to Treasury Board, Ministry of Finance
Allison Bond, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Children and Family Development
Les MacLaren, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and CPC Board Member

