

January 16, 2015

Alberta Utilities Commission
Fifth Avenue Place
Fourth Floor, 425 First Street SW
Calgary, AB
T2P 3L8
Attention: Giuseppa Bentivegna

Dear Ms. Bentivegna:

**Re: Application for Extension to Approval No. U2009-186 and U2009-187
Proceeding ID No. 3243; Application No. 1610586**

Glacier Power Ltd. ("Glacier"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of TransAlta Corporation, applied to the Alberta Utilities Commission ("AUC") on May 22, 2014 to extend the approved construction date of the Dunvegan Hydroelectric Project. Glacier sought a nine year extension to its original approval, with plans to construct the project when market conditions improve.

Glacier has always understood that because of delays to the project, a number of studies, in particular environmental and water flow / ice studies would require updating before the project could proceed.

Glacier has reviewed the submissions and information requests from Concerned Residents for Ongoing Service at Shaftesbury (CROSS). It has also reviewed submissions and information requests from other parties who do not have standing in this proceeding, but have been granted the right to participate in the upcoming hearing. It is clear that Glacier's request for an extension to its AUC approval will require a potentially long and costly hearing process.

Glacier would therefore like to withdraw its application to extend the approved construction date of the Dunvegan Hydroelectric Project, pursuant to section 21 of the *AUC Rules of Practice*. It will take steps to update the necessary studies and reapply for the Dunvegan Hydroelectric Project when economic conditions are more favourable.

We ask that the Commission confirm its acceptance of this withdrawal as soon as possible, to avoid any further expenditure of time and resources on this matter.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Laura-Marie Berg
Regulatory Counsel

c.c. Richard Secord (counsel for CROSS & AWA); Sarah Nykolaishen (counsel for AHPDC); Sandra Fox (CAO), Municipal District of Fairview