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COPPER MINING CUSTOMER PAYMENT PLAN

- A. The Lieutenant Governor in Council issued a Direction to the British Columbia Utilities Commission Respecting COVID-19 Relief, pursuant to section 3 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (British Columbia), dated effective April 2, 2020, as amended by Order in Council No. 319 dated June 19, 2020 (collectively, the "**Direction**");
- B. Pursuant to the Direction, Eligible Customers (as defined below) shall be permitted, upon admission to the Copper Mining Customer Payment Plan, to defer payment of a portion of their account with BC Hydro for electricity service respecting an Applicable Mine (as defined below), to support the stability/liquidity of the Eligible Customer in respect of its mining operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- C. The terms and conditions of participation in the Copper Mining Customer Payment Plan, as provided in the Direction, are incorporated into this Supplement to Electric Tariff Supplement No. 5.

1.0 INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

In this Supplement:

(a) "Account Balance" means, in relation to an Applicable Mine of a Participating Customer, an amount determined by BC Hydro prior to issuing each bill during the Application Period, as follows:

Account Balance = (TSA + I) - (TAA + A)

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Where:

- (i) "TSA" means the total amount that would have been payable by the Participating Customer under Rate Schedule 1823, but for the application of this Supplement, during the period beginning on the date the Supplement begins to apply to the Participating Customer and ending on the date BC Hydro makes a determination of the Account Balance;
- (ii) "I" means the interest accumulated on the Account Balance as of the last day of the most recent Billing Period prior to the determination of the Account Balance, calculated in accordance with section 2.5;
- (iii) "**TAA**" means the sum of all Adjusted Amounts paid by the Participating Customer; and
- (iv) "A" means any payments made by the Participating Customer in addition to an Adjusted Amount, including payments made on account of the Account Balance, in accordance with section 2.4;
- (b) "Act" means the Utilities Commission Act (British Columbia);
- (c) "Adjusted Amount" has the meaning given to that term in section 2.2;
- (d) "Applicable Mine" means any of the following mines:
 - (i) Copper Mountain;
 - (ii) Gibraltar;
 - (iii) Highland Valley;
 - (iv) Mount Milligan;
 - (v) New Afton; and

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- (vi) Red Chris.
- (e) "Application Period" means, in respect of an Applicable Mine, the period that begins on March 22, 2020, and ends on the Closing Date or such earlier date on which the Copper Mining Customer Payment Plan Agreement for the Participating Customer is terminated pursuant to section 3.2;
- (f) "Billing Month" means a month in which BC Hydro issues a bill to a Participating Customer for electricity service respecting an Applicable Mine;
- (g) "Billing Period" means a Participating Customer's billing period determined pursuant to the Electricity Supply Agreement for electricity service respecting an Applicable Mine;
- (h) "Closing Date" means September 21, 2020;
- (i) "Commission" means the British Columbia Utilities Commission;
- (j) "Copper Mining Customer Payment Plan Agreement" means a Copper Mining Customer Payment Plan Agreement attached as Appendix 1 to this Supplement;
- (k) "Direction" means the Direction to the British Columbia Utilities Commission Respecting COVID-19 Relief issued by the Lieutenant Governor in Council pursuant to section 3 of the *Act* and dated effective April 2, 2020, as amended by Order in Council No. 319 dated June 19, 2020;
- (I) "Electricity Supply Agreement" means the Electricity Supply Agreement (Electric Tariff Supplement No. 5) between a Participating Customer and BC Hydro for the supply of electricity to an Applicable Mine of the Participating Customer;

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- (m) "Eligible Customer" means a customer of BC Hydro who, immediately before the Direction comes into force, was receiving electricity service from BC Hydro respecting an Applicable Mine;
- (n) "Floating Interest Rate" means a nominal annual interest rate calculated as follows:

Floating Interest Rate = $(12 \times [(1+i)^{1/12} - 1]) \times 100$

Where:

- (i) "i" means the sum of Prime + 2.5 per cent; and
- (ii) "**Prime**" has the meaning given to that term in section 1.1(s);
- (o) "MCPP Agreement" means a Mining Customer Payment Plan Agreement attached as Appendix 1 to Tariff Supplement No. 90;
- (p) "Participating Customer" means an Eligible Customer whose request referred to in section 2.1(a)(i) has been accepted and to whom this Supplement applies;
- (q) "**Party**" means either BC Hydro or a Participating Customer and "Parties" means both BC Hydro and the Participating Customer;
- (r) "Payment Plan Agreement" means a Payment Plan Agreement attached as Appendix 1 to Tariff Supplement No. 97;
- (s) "Prime" means the published per annum prime lending rate on loans denominated in Canadian Dollars made in Canada charged by the principal banker of BC Hydro as at the date the interest is calculated in accordance with section 2.5;
- (t) "Rate Schedule 1823" means Rate Schedule 1823 Transmission Service Stepped Rate, as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time;

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(u) "Settlement Price Period" means, in relation to a Participating Customer, a period that:

- (i) Begins 30 days before the day referred to in paragraph 1.1(u)(ii)(A) or (B), as applicable; and
- (ii) Ends on a day that is either:
 - A The 15th day of the month that immediately precedes the Billing Month, if BC Hydro issues the bill on or before the 15th day of the Billing Month; or
 - B. The 15th day of the Billing Month, if BC Hydro issues the bill after that day;
- (v) "Supplement" means this supplement and includes the form of Copper Mining Customer Payment Plan Agreement attached as Appendix 1; and
- (w) "Term" has the meaning given to that term in section 3.1.

1.2 Appendices

Appendix 1 – form of Copper Mining Customer Payment Plan Agreement attached to this Supplement is incorporated into and forms part of this Supplement.

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1.3 Interpretation

In this Supplement, except where otherwise expressly provided or the context otherwise

requires:

(a) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa, "or" is not

exclusive, "including" is not limiting, whether or not non-limiting language (such as

"without limitation") is used with reference to it, a grammatical variation of a

defined term shall have a corresponding meaning, and reference to any person

includes such person's successors and assigns but, if applicable, only if the

succession or assignment is permitted under this Supplement;

(b) The inclusion of headings in this Supplement is for convenience only and shall not

affect the construction or interpretation of this Supplement;

(c) Any reference to a specific section, subsection or other subdivision is to the

designated section, subsection or other subdivision of this Supplement, unless the

context otherwise requires; and

(d) All monetary amounts referred to in this Supplement are stated and shall be paid

in Canadian currency.

1.4 Obligations Supplemental

(a) BC Hydro's and a Participating Customer's obligations under this Supplement are

supplemental to their respective obligations under the Electricity Supply

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(b) Except as specifically supplemented by this Supplement, the Electricity Supply Agreement of a Participating Customer shall continue in full force and effect and, in particular, shall govern billing and payment for electricity service supplied by BC Hydro respecting an Applicable Mine. Nothing in this Supplement shall release a Participating Customer from liability for payment of any amounts owing pursuant to the Electricity Supply Agreement.

2.0 COPPER MINING CUSTOMER PAYMENT PLAN

- 2.1 Application to Participate in the Copper Mining Customer Payment Plan
- (a) As a condition of participating in the Copper Mining Customer Payment Plan in respect of an Applicable Mine:
 - (i) An Eligible Customer shall, by June 30, 2020 or such later date agreed to by BC Hydro, make a request to BC Hydro that this Supplement apply respecting amounts that will be payable by the Eligible Customer to BC Hydro for electricity service provided for the operation of an Applicable Mine by completing, executing and delivering to BC Hydro an agreement in the form attached as Appendix 1;
 - (ii) The Applicable Mine must be, on the date of the request, a producing mine and not in long-term care and maintenance;
 - (iii) The Eligible Customer must have no overdue bills with BC Hydro on the date of the request, unless otherwise agreed to by BC Hydro; and
 - (iv) The Eligible Customer must not have an MCPP Agreement or a Payment Plan Agreement in effect with BC Hydro.

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(b) BC Hydro shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of a request referred to in

paragraph 2.1(a)(i), if the Eligible Customer meets the requirements for

participation in the Copper Mining Customer Payment Plan, accept the request

and notify the Eligible Customer.

2.2 Payment of Adjusted Amount

The Participating Customer shall pay on account of each bill issued by BC Hydro during

the Application Period, an adjusted amount for electricity service respecting an

Applicable Mine (the "Adjusted Amount"), in Canadian dollars, calculated by BC Hydro

as follows:

The Adjusted Amount is equal to the lower of:

(a) 50 per cent of SA; and

(b) $SA + (SA \times AP)$

Where:

(i) "SA" means the amount that would have been payable by the Participating

Customer under Rate Schedule 1823 on account of that bill but for the

application of this Supplement;

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(ii) "AP" means [(settlement price -3.40) x 208]/100;

Where:

The settlement price calculated for a Participating Customer is the average of the daily settlement prices per metric tonne of copper, as reported by the London Metal Exchange, for the most recent Settlement Price Period, converted into the average of the daily settlement prices per pound of copper, by using a metric tonne to pound ratio of 1:2204.62, and converted into Canadian currency by using the average Bank of Canada daily exchange rate over that same period, provided that if an AP is calculated to be more than 0.75, the AP shall be 0.75, and if an AP is calculated to be less than -0.75, the AP shall be -0.75.

2.3 Deferral of Payment

The difference between the Adjusted Amount calculated in accordance with section 2.2 and the amount that would have been payable by the Participating Customer under Rate Schedule 1823, but for the application of this Supplement, shall be deferred in accordance with this Supplement and such difference shall be added to the Account Balance in accordance with section 1.1(a) upon BC Hydro issuing the bill in respect of such Adjusted Amount.

2.4 Additional Amount

The Participating Customer may, on account of the Account Balance, pay any amount in addition to an Adjusted Amount at any time without notice, interest or penalty and all such amounts paid in excess of the Adjusted Amount shall be reflected in the Account Balance as of the date the payment was made.

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2.5 Interest

- (a) Interest, calculated and compounded monthly, not in advance both before and after demand, default and judgment, shall accrue on the daily Account Balance, based on the number of days elapsed in a 365-day year, at the Floating Interest Rate and such interest shall be added to the Account Balance on the last day of each Billing Period, or in the case of the Closing Date on the day prior to the Closing Date, and bear interest at the same rate.
- (b) The Participating Customer acknowledges that Prime was 2.45 per cent per annum on April 2, 2020. A certificate of a Managing Director of the principal banker of BC Hydro, which on the date this Supplement came into effect is the Bank of Montreal, shall be conclusive evidence as to the rate of Prime in effect from time to time.

2.6 Final Payment or Transfer of Account Balance on Closing Date

- (a) On or before the Closing Date, the Participating Customer shall notify BC Hydro of the Participating Customer's election to either:
 - (i) Pay the Account Balance to BC Hydro by the Closing Date, in which case the Participating Customer shall pay the Account Balance to BC Hydro by the Closing Date and if unpaid by the Closing Date, the Account Balance shall become overdue pursuant to the Electricity Supply Agreement except that the interest rate applied to the overdue amount shall be Prime + 5.0 per cent; or

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- (ii) Request BC Hydro to transfer the Account Balance to the Participating Customer's Account Balance pursuant to Tariff Supplement No. 90 subject to the Participating Customer entering into a MCPP Agreement with BC Hydro, in which case the Account Balance pursuant to this Supplement shall be added to the Participating Customer's Account Balance pursuant to Tariff Supplement No. 90 effective on the Closing Date and payable in accordance with Tariff Supplement No. 90.
- (b) If the Participating Customer fails to notify BC Hydro of the Participating Customer's election, as required by section 2.6(a), the Participating Customer shall be deemed to have made the election pursuant to section 2.6(a)(i) effective on the Closing Date and the Account Balance shall then become overdue pursuant to the Electricity Supply Agreement except that the interest rate applied to the overdue amount shall be Prime + 5.0 per cent.

2.7 Taxes and Levies

Amounts calculated under this Supplement do not include the Goods and Services Tax, the Provincial Sales Tax and any other tax or levy which BC Hydro may be lawfully authorized or required to collect from the Participating Customer.

3.0 TERM OF COPPER MINING CUSTOMER PAYMENT PLAN AGREEMENT

3.1 Term of Agreement

The term of a Copper Mining Customer Payment Plan Agreement (the "**Term**") in respect of an Applicable Mine commences on the date the Application Period commences and continues until the Closing Date unless terminated earlier pursuant to and in accordance with section 3.2.

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3.2 Termination

- (a) A Copper Mining Customer Payment Plan Agreement may be terminated in any of the following events:
 - (i) Immediately by the Participating Customer upon request to BC Hydro if at the time of the request the Account Balance is zero;
 - (ii) Immediately by BC Hydro, if at any time the Participating Customer sells, transfers or assigns all or substantially all of its interest in the Applicable Mine, at which time all unpaid amounts, including the Account Balance, shall become due and payable pursuant to the Electricity Supply Agreement;
 - (iii) Immediately by BC Hydro if at any time the Participating Customer commits an act of bankruptcy, becomes insolvent, proposes a compromise or arrangement to its creditors generally, has any petition for a receiving order in bankruptcy filed against it, makes a voluntary assignment in bankruptcy and/or fails to make any payment required under the Electricity Supply Agreement as supplemented by this Supplement, and all amounts owing by the Participating Customer to BC Hydro, including the Account Balance, shall, immediately upon such notice being given, become due and payable pursuant to the Electricity Supply Agreement; and
 - (iv) Immediately by BC Hydro upon any person or group of persons acting in concert acquiring, in a single transaction or a series of transactions, more than 50 per cent of the issued and outstanding shares in the capital of the Participating Customer resulting in a change of control of the Participating Customer, at which time all unpaid amounts, including the Account Balance, shall become due and payable pursuant to the Electricity Supply Agreement.

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4.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

4.1 Disputes

If any dispute, question or difference of opinion between the Parties arises out of or under this Supplement ("**Dispute**"), then a Party may give to the other Party a notice ("**Dispute Notice**") specifying the Dispute and requiring its resolution under this section 4.0. All Disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the provisions of this section 4.0, provided however, that either Party may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for any interim relief by way of restraining order, injunction or other equitable remedy.

4.2 Contract Representatives to Seek Resolution

If a Dispute Notice is given to a Party, each Party shall appoint a contract representative within five business days of a Party notifying the other Party of a Dispute and cause its contract representative to negotiate in good faith to attain a resolution of the Dispute.

4.3 Referral to Senior Executives

If a Dispute is not resolved within five business days of the Dispute being referred to the contract representatives, the Parties shall seek to resolve the Dispute through their respective senior executives (at the vice president level or higher) before proceeding to resolve the Dispute through arbitration in accordance with section 4.4. Each Party shall appoint a senior executive to undertake such informal process within 10 business days of a Party notifying the other Party of a Dispute and the Parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to resolve the Dispute through their appointed senior executives within 30 days after notification.

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4.4 Referral to Arbitration

If the Dispute is not resolved within 30 days of the Dispute being referred to the senior executives (or either party fails to timely appoint a contract representative or senior executive pursuant to sections 4.2 and 4.3), then either Party may submit the Dispute to arbitration under the *Arbitration Act* (British Columbia). The following rules shall apply to

arbitration under this Agreement:

(a) The arbitration shall be conducted before one arbitrator mutually agreed to by the Parties or if the Parties are unable to agree to an arbitrator within 15 days after a demand for arbitration has been given, either Party may apply to the court pursuant to the *Arbitration Act* (British Columbia) for the appointment of a single

arbitrator;

(b) The arbitrator shall be authorized only to interpret and apply the provisions of this Agreement and shall have no power to modify or change any of the above in any

manner;

(c) The arbitration shall be dealt with on an expeditious basis with both Parties using commercially reasonable efforts to obtain and implement a timely decision of the arbitrator; specifically, the arbitrator shall be instructed to impose time limits on the arbitration process such that a decision may be rendered within 45 days of

appointment of the arbitrator;

(d) The arbitrator shall determine the Dispute in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and applicable Canadian federal law; and

(e) The Parties shall bear the costs of the arbitration equally and each Party shall bear its own costs.

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4.5 Arbitration Decisions

The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the Parties, and judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. The decision of the arbitrator may be appealed solely on the grounds that the conduct of the arbitrator, or the decision itself, violated the standards of the *Arbitration Act* (British Columbia) or the rules set out in section 4.4. The final decision of the arbitrator shall also be filed with the Commission.

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APPENDIX 1 COPPER MINING CUSTOMER PAYMENT PLAN AGREEMENT

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1.0 INTERPRETATION

1.1 Capitalized Terms

Capitalized terms used in this Agreement and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings given to them in the Supplement.

2.0 APPLICABLE MINE

| (a) | The Customer is an Eligible Customer and operates the following Applicable Mine: |
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| | themine (the " Mine "); |
| (b) | On the date this Agreement has been executed by the Customer and delivered to |
| | BC Hydro, the Mine is producing copper and not in long-term care and |
| | maintenance; |
| (c) | On the date this Agreement has been executed by the Customer and delivered to |
| | BC Hydro, the Customer has no overdue bills with BC Hydro, unless otherwise |
| | agreed to by BC Hydro; and |

(d) On the date this Agreement has been executed by the Customer and delivered to BC Hydro, the Customer does not have an MCPP Agreement or a Payment Plan Agreement in effect with BC Hydro.

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3.0 **REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION**

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| The | Customer hereby requests participation as a Participating Customer in the Copper |
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| of | shall be amended by the addition of the Supplement and |
| that | the Electricity Supply Agreement, as supplemented by the Supplement shall apply |
| to th | ne supply of electricity service from BC Hydro to the Mine during the Application |
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| 4.0 | APPLICATION PERIOD |
| | Supplement shall begin to apply to the Customer, and the Application Period shall mence on March 22, 2020. |
| 5.0 | TERM OF AGREEMENT |
| The | term of this Agreement commences on the date the Application Period commences |
| | continues until the Closing Date unless terminated earlier pursuant to and in |
| acco | ordance with section 3.2 of the Supplement. |
| 6.0 | MISCELLANEOUS |
| 6.1 | Successors and Assigns |
| (a) | The Customer shall not transfer or assign, in whole or in part, its interest in this |
| | Agreement. |
| (b) | This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall enure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors. |
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6.2 Further Assurances

Each of the Parties agrees that it shall take from time to time such actions and execute such additional instruments as may be reasonably necessary or convenient to implement and carry out the intent and purpose of this Agreement.

6.3 Waiver

The failure of a Party to insist on the strict performance of any provision of this Agreement or to exercise any right, power or remedy upon a breach hereof shall not constitute a waiver of any provision of this Agreement or limit that Party's right thereafter to enforce any provision or exercise any right.

6.4 Amendments

No amendment of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and executed by the appropriate duly authorized signatories of the Parties (and approved by the Commission to the extent required by law) or unless ordered by the Commission in accordance with its authority under the Direction and the *Utilities Commission Act*.

6.5 Governing Law

This Agreement and all terms and conditions contained in it shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia.

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6.6 Notices

All notices, consents, requests or demands that either Party may be required or may desire to give to the other Party under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be given to and received by the addressee on the business day next following when it is delivered by hand, by courier or by facsimile copier, and is deemed to be given when received if delivered by prepaid mail at the address that each Party has given notice of under the Electricity Supply Agreement.

6.7 Counterpart Execution

This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts together shall constitute but one and the same.

6.8 Electronic Delivery

Delivery by a Party of an executed copy of this Agreement by electronic means shall be effective delivery, but that Party shall promptly also deliver in person to the other Party an originally executed copy of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the duly authorized representative of each party has executed this Agreement. [If the Customer is a joint venture or partnership then this Agreement shall be executed by all joint venturers or partners and all declarations and agreements of the Customer shall be deemed to be joint and several].

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The undersigned hereby unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees the payment obligations of [CUSTOMER] to BC Hydro under this Agreement, and agrees that the undersigned shall be liable to BC Hydro for the performance of [CUSTOMER]'s payment obligations under this Agreement as a primary obligor as if a party to this Agreement. The undersigned further acknowledges and agrees that such guarantee will continue and survive until all payment obligations of the Customer arising during the term of the Agreement have been fully satisfied and the Account Balance determined in accordance with this Agreement is zero, notwithstanding any earlier termination of this Agreement.

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