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Acting President &amp; Chief Executive Officer

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Faye Salisbury  
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Box 810  
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Dear Ms. Salisbury:

**RE: Power outages in extreme emergency situations**

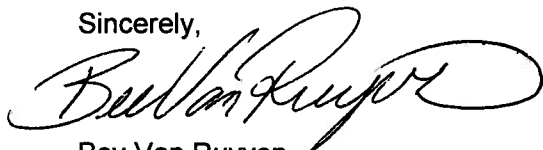
Thank you for your letter dated January 26th, 2010 expressing your concerns about power outages in extreme emergency situations, as was the case in the recent outage experienced by the community of Tumbler Ridge on December 14th, 2009.

I want to assure you that BC Hydro is also concerned about these outages and understands the urgency of power restoration, particularly in such extreme conditions. We are working closely with the British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC), who manages and operates the substation and transmission line, to address and reduce the risk of future outages to communities such as Tumbler Ridge.

It is my understanding that Dave Conway, Community Relations Manager for the Northern Region, has arranged a meeting between the District of Tumbler Ridge, BC Hydro and BCTC on February 8th to discuss outage planning, including ready access to vehicles, equipment, and facilities. These discussions will inform our plans for the District of Tumbler Ridge, as well as for other northern communities.

Thank you for raising the Peace River Regional Board's concerns to me, and I trust I have assured you of BC Hydro's commitment to thoroughly address those concerns.

Sincerely,



Bev Van Ruyven  
Acting President and CEO

cc: Leigh Ann Shoji-Lee, Senior Vice-President, Field Operations, BC Hydro  
Susan Yurkovich, Senior Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, BC Hydro