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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER** G-51-05

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**IN THE MATTER OF  
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473**

**and**

**A Filing by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
2005 Resource Options Report**

**BEFORE:** R.H. Hobbs, Chair  
L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner May 26, 2005

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. By letter dated April 18, 2005, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") provided information to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") regarding the BC Hydro 2005 Resource Options Report ("2005 ROR"). The letter included a description of the stakeholder engagement process, a general description of the 2005 ROR and a proposed form of regulatory review for the filing; and
- B. In the April 18, 2005 letter, BC Hydro stated that proposed Terms of Reference, which will identify those areas and issues where there is disagreement between BC Hydro and stakeholders and which may be used to establish the scope of the regulatory review of the 2005 ROR, will be filed on June 6, 2005; and
- C. In the April 18, 2005 letter, BC Hydro stated that the 2005 ROR will be filed on June 13, 2005, and proposed a written comment process to review the filing, with a Commission Decision on the 2005 ROR by August 31, 2005; and
- D. On May 19, 2005 BC Hydro advised parties involved in its stakeholder engagement process that the draft 2005 ROR is posted on its website, for comments to BC Hydro by May 31, 2005; and
- E. The Commission considers that a Procedural Conference is required to hear submissions on the regulatory process for the review of the 2005 ROR.

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**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

1. A Procedural Conference regarding the regulatory process for the review of the BC Hydro 2005 ROR will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2005 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room on the Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C., to address procedural matters which will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
  - identification of the principal issues arising from or related to the 2005 ROR;
  - scope of the Commission's review of the 2005 ROR;
  - whether the review should proceed by an oral or written hearing, or some other process;
  - steps and timetable associated with the regulatory review process; and
  - other matters that will assist the Commission to efficiently review the 2005 ROR.
2. After the Procedural Conference, the Commission will issue a further procedural Order and Regulatory Agenda.
3. BC Hydro will publish, as soon as possible, in display-ad format, the Notice of Procedural Conference attached as Appendix A to this Order, in the Vancouver Sun and Province, the Victoria Times Colonist, and such appropriate local news publications as may properly provide adequate notice to the public in its service area.
4. The 2005 ROR filing, together with any supporting materials, will be made available for inspection at the BC Hydro Vancouver Head Office, and at the Commission's office.
5. BC Hydro is to provide a copy of this Order, by facsimile or electronically if possible, to all parties registered in its 2005 ROR stakeholder engagement process, as soon as possible.
6. Intervenors and Interested Parties should register with the Commission, in writing, by Monday, June 13, 2005 and advise whether they intend to attend the Procedural Conference. Intervenors should specifically state the nature of their interest in the 2005 ROR filing and identify generally the nature of the issues that they may intend to pursue during the proceeding and the nature and extent of their anticipated involvement in the

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005.

**BY ORDER**

*Original signed by:*

Robert H. Hobbs  
Chair



## **British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority**

### **2005 Resource Options Report**

#### **NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE**

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, June 15, 2005
<b>Time:</b>	9:00 a.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Hearing Room Sixth Floor 900 Howe Street Vancouver, B.C.

#### **THE 2005 RESOURCE OPTIONS REPORT**

By letter dated April 18, 2005, BC Hydro advised the Commission that the draft 2005 Resource Options Report ("2005 ROR") would be circulated to interested parties for comment in mid-May 2005, and that the 2005 ROR will be filed with the Commission on June 13, 2005.

The 2005 ROR will provide information on the attributes of individual resource options, including cost estimates, technical information and environmental and social impacts. It will also provide the expected ranges by resource type of the amount and cost of energy and capacity that would reasonably be expected to be available.

#### **THE REGULATORY PROCESS**

In its April 18, 2005 letter, BC Hydro advised that proposed Terms of Reference to establish the scope of the regulatory review of the 2005 ROR will be filed on June 6, 2005, and proposed a written comment process for the review of the 2005 ROR.

The Commission will hold a Procedural Conference regarding the regulatory process for the review of the 2005 ROR commencing at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, June 15, 2005 in the Commission Hearing Room on the Sixth Floor of 900 Howe Street in Vancouver, to address procedural matters which will include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- identification of the principal issues arising from or related to the 2005 ROR;
- scope of the Commission's review of the 2005 ROR;
- whether the review should proceed by an oral or written hearing, or some other process;
- steps and timetable associated with the regulatory review process; and
- other matters that will assist the Commission Panel to efficiently review the 2005 ROR.

Following the Procedural Conference, the Commission will issue to registered parties a further procedural order and regulatory agenda.

### **PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE DOCUMENTS**

The 2005 ROR and supporting material will be made available for inspection at the BC Hydro Head Office at 333 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 5R3, and the British Columbia Utilities Commission office, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6Z 2N3.

The 2005 ROR will be available for viewing on BC Hydro's website at [www.bchydro.com](http://www.bchydro.com).

### **INTERVENTIONS**

Persons who expect to actively participate in the BC Hydro proceeding should register as Intervenor with the Commission, in writing, by Monday, June 13, 2005, identifying their interest in the 2005 ROR filing and indicating whether they plan to attend the Procedural Conference. Intervenor should identify the issues that they intend to pursue and the nature and extent of their anticipated involvement in the review process. Intervenor will receive copies of the 2005 ROR and all correspondence and filed documentation and should provide an e-mail address if available.

Persons not expecting to actively participate, but who have an interest in the proceeding should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing, by Monday, June 13, 2005, identifying their interest in the 2005 ROR and indicating whether they plan to attend the Procedural Conference. Interested Parties will receive a copy of any Executive Summary in the ROR Report, and all Orders and Decisions issued.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, or Mr. Brian Williston, Manager, Engineering and Commodity Markets, as follows:

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