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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER** G-51-06

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

**and**

**An Application by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro")  
for the Review of the F2007 and F2008 Revenue Requirements Application ("RRA")  
and for the Review of the 2006 Integrated Electricity Plan ("2006 IEP")  
and the Approval of the 2006 Long-Term Acquisition Plan ("LTAP")**

**BEFORE:**

R.H. Hobbs, Chair  
L.A. Boychuk, Commissioner  
A.J. Pullman, Commissioner

May 10, 2006

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. In a letter dated March 15, 2006, BC Hydro applied for Commission approval to set its current rates as interim effective April 1, 2006, and in the same letter informed the Commission that the balance of the F2007 and F2008 RRA would be filed in or about late April 2006; and
- B. By Order No. G-32-06 dated March 23, 2006, the Commission approved current customer rates as interim effective April 1, 2006; and
- C. By Commission Order No. G-103-05 dated October 5, 2005, the Commission approved a Negotiated Settlement in the Resource Expenditure Acquisition Plan ("REAP") proceeding. In the REAP Negotiated Settlement, BC Hydro committed to seek, pursuant to Section 45 (6.2) of the Utilities Commission Act (the "Act, "UCA"), regulatory approval of the LTAP, to be included with the 2006 IEP; and
- D. On March 29, 2006 BC Hydro filed, pursuant to Section 45 (6.1) of the Act, the 2006 IEP and the LTAP with the Commission for review; and

- E. The 2006 IEP is a long-term plan that describes how BC Hydro could meet customers' electricity needs over a 20-year planning horizon and the resource options available to meet those needs under a variety of assumptions and risks; and
- F. The LTAP is an action plan that is supported by the 2006 IEP. It itemizes the actions BC Hydro intends to take in the next ten years to meet customers' electricity needs as part of BC Hydro's overall planning and resource acquisition process; and
- G. BC Hydro seeks an Order which: (i) states that the 2006 LTAP meets the requirements of Section 45 (6.1) of the UCA; (ii) makes specific determinations under Subsection 45 (6.2)(b) of the UCA with respect to certain planned expenditures; and (iii) approves the transmission LTAP plan and contingency plans for inclusion in the Utility's Network Integrated Transmission Service application; and
- H. In its cover letter dated March 29, 2006, BC Hydro proposes a Pre-hearing Conference to assist with establishing a Regulatory Agenda or Agendas for both its RRA and the 2006 IEP and LTAP; and
- I. By Order No. G-37-06, the Commission established a Procedural Conference to hear submissions on the regulatory process for the review of the both the RRA and the 2006 IEP and LTAP. The Procedural Conference is scheduled for May 19, 2006; and
- J. In a letter dated May 1, 2006, BC Hydro informed the BCUC and all Intervenors and Interested Parties of a delay and that the balance of its F07/08 RRA would be filed towards the end of May 2006; and
- K. The Joint Industry Electric Steering Committee ("JIESC") submits to the Commission in a letter dated May 5, 2006 that participants should not be required to file Information Requests with respect to the 2006 IEP, LTAP or RRA prior to the filing of the RRA because the Applications are intertwined. It submits that the Procedural Conference be postponed to the week of June 19, 2006. The JIESC also requests that the Commission reconsider its Order No. G-32-06 making BC Hydro's rates interim; and

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- L. In letters to the Commission on May 4, 2006 and May 8, 2006, the B.C. Old Age Pensioners Organization et al. ("BCOAPO") submits that it is not appropriate for the Procedural Conference to proceed given the interlocking and overlapping issues between the two Applications. The BCOAPO also expresses its support of the alternative time-frame and the request for reconsideration of Commission Order No. G-32-06 to vary the interim rate as proposed by the JIESC; and
- M. In a letter dated May 9, 2006, BC Hydro states that it is amenable to rescheduling the Procedural Conference to allow both Applications to be discussed and proposes certain regulatory steps, including a Procedural Conference in mid or late July 2006. BC Hydro submits that the application for reconsideration of Order No. G-32-06 should not be heard until after the filing of the F07/08 RRA; and
- N. The Commission considers that the May 19, 2006 Procedural Conference should proceed to discuss and consider issues raised by the delay of the F07/08 RRA filing and related issues raised by Intervenor as a result of the delay.

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

1. A Procedural Conference will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room on the 12<sup>th</sup> Floor at 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. commencing at 9:00 a.m. on May 19, 2006 as scheduled by Order No. G-37-06.
2. The date established by Order No. G-37-06 for Commission Information Request No. 2 and Intervenor Request No. 1 for the 2006 IEP and LTAP is extended from May 23, 2006 to June 9, 2006.
3. After the Procedural Conference, the Commission will issue a further procedural Order and Regulatory Agenda for the review of the 2006 IEP and LTAP and the RRA.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2006

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Robert H. Hobbs  
Chair