## BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Transmission Service Rates Customer Baseline Load Application

**BEFORE:** 

R.J. Milbourne, Commissioner

December 19, 2007

## ORDER

## WHEREAS:

- A. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") filed on October 5, 2007, pursuant to Sections 58 to 61 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), an application ("Application") for approval of the revised Customer Baseline Loads ("CBLs") for customer accounts served under BC Hydro's Stepped Rate, Rate Schedule ("RS") 1823 for the Fiscal Year 2008; and
- B. The Commission, by Order No. G-129-07, approved the revised CBLs on an interim basis and requested that any customers confirm in writing by November 9, 2007 whether they agreed with or disputed the revised CBL that BC Hydro had proposed for them. The Order stated that in the absence of a response, the Commission would conclude that the CBL is not disputed; and
- C. One customer registered a dispute, which was subsequently resolved between BC Hydro and the customer; and
- D. On December 11, 2007 BC Hydro filed an amendment to the Application ("Amended Application") in order to amend the CBLs for certain customers from those filed in the October Application, to add the CBLs of certain additional customers, and to request approval for a proposed new CBL Adjustment Tariff Practice; and
- E. BC Hydro states that it has notified all customers impacted by changes to its F2008 CBL and that BC Hydro has requested each impacted customer to confirm to BC Hydro that it has reviewed the Revised F2007 Statement and verify it to be a complete and accurate record; and
- F. The Commission has determined that the revisions to the Application require an additional opportunity for comment as set out below.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The ten accounts with amended CBLs from the October 5, 2007 Application are approved on an interim basis effective April 1, 2007.
- 2. By way of a copy of Letter No. L-103-07 issued concurrently with this letter, any customers whose F2008 CBL has been revised is requested to inform the Commission by January 21, 2008, as to whether or not it disputes the further revision to its CBL. In the absence of a response, the Commission will conclude that the customer does not dispute its revised CBL.
- 3. All RS 1823 customers are invited to comment on the proposed new CBL Adjustment Tariff Practice by January 21, 2008. After receiving the responses on amended CBL disputes and on the proposed new CBL Tariff Adjustment Practice, the Commission will determine what further process, if any, is required.
- 4. In the event of a CBL revision dispute, the Commission will establish a process to review the dispute. In the event that there is more than one dispute, each dispute will be treated as a separate process involving the customer, BC Hydro and the Commission. To protect commercially sensitive information, all detailed information about the operations of the customer will be kept confidential.
- 5. BC Hydro is directed to provide each RS 1823 customer with a copy of this Order, the attached Letter No. L-103-07 and the proposed CBL Tariff Adjustment Practice by January 7, 2008.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2007.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R.J. Milbourne Commissioner