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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER** G-169-07

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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 Approval of the Standing Offer Program**

**BEFORE:** A.J. Pullman, Chair December 19, 2007

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. BC Hydro filed on December 14, 2007 pursuant to Section 45 (6.1)(b) of the Utilities Commission Act (the "Act") an application for the Standing Offer Program ("SOP"); and
- B. Policy Action No. 11 of the Provincial Government's 2007 Energy Plan: A Vision for Clean Energy Leadership ("2007 Energy Plan") directs BC Hydro to establish a standing offer for clean electricity projects up to 10 megawatts (MW); and
- B. BC Hydro seeks an order pursuant to Section 45(6.2)(b) of the Act which determines expenditures of \$514,000 required to conduct the implementation phase of the SOP, including administration and program review for the first two years, are in the interests of persons within British Columbia who receive or may receive, service from BC Hydro; and
- C. BC Hydro is of the view that the SOP Application should be the subject of a Commission-sponsored negotiated settlement process ("NSP"); and
- D. BC Hydro proposed a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application allowing for one round of Information Requests followed by a NSP to commence on February 13, 2008; and
- E. The Commission has reviewed BC Hydro's proposed regulatory timetable and considers that the establishment of a Regulatory Timetable and the NSP is warranted.

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

1. The Commission will review the Application allowing for one round of Information Requests and will hold an NSP in Vancouver, B.C. A Regulatory Timetable is attached as Appendix A to this Order.
2. BC Hydro is to provide a copy of this Commission Order and Regulatory Timetable to all parties who participated in other BC Hydro's SOP First Nations and stakeholder engagement process during the past year.
3. BC Hydro will publish, as soon as possible, in display-ad format, the Notice of Application for Approval of the Standing Offer Program attached as Appendix B to this Order, in the Vancouver Sun and Province, the Victoria Times Colonist.
4. Those persons wishing to participate in BC Hydro's SOP Application review are to advise the Commission Secretary in writing of their intention to do so, no later than Monday, January 14, 2008.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2007.

**BY ORDER**

*Original signed by:*

A.J. Pullman  
Chair

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)  
An Application for Approval of Standing Offer Program and  
Negotiated Settlement Process

**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATES (2008)</b>
Commission Information Requests to BC Hydro	Friday, January 11
Registration deadline for Intervenor and Interested Parties	Monday, January 14
Intervenor Information Requests to BC Hydro	Friday, January 18
Responses to Commission and Intervenor Information Requests by BC Hydro	Friday, February 1
SOP Application Workshop commencing at 9:00 a.m.	Wednesday, February 13
Negotiated Settlement Process	Wednesday, February 13 at a time to be determined following the Workshop

**Location of SOP Application Review and Negotiated Settlement Process**

1125 Howe Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Vancouver, B.C.

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**APPENDIX B**  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN PUBLIC HEARING**

**THE APPLICATION**

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BC Hydro seeks an order pursuant to Section 45(6.2)(b) of the Act which determines expenditures of \$514,000 required to conduct the implementation phase of the SOP, including administration and program review for the first two years, are in the interests of persons within British Columbia who receive or may receive, service from BC Hydro.

BC Hydro is of the view that the SOP Application should be the subject of a BCUC-sponsored negotiated settlement process ("NSP").

**THE REGULATORY PROCESS**

Commission Order No. G-169-07 established the Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application by way of a Written Public Hearing.

The detailed Regulatory Timetable can be reviewed on the Commission's website <http://www.bcuc.com>  
>Proceedings&Agendas>Current Applications.

**INTERVENTIONS**

Persons who expect to actively participate in the BC Hydro proceeding should register as Intervenor with the Commission, in writing, by Monday, January 14, 2008, identifying their interest in the Application. Intervenor will receive copies of the Application as well as all correspondence and filed documentation and should provide an e-mail address if available.

Persons not expecting to actively participate in the BC Hydro proceeding, but who have an interest in the Application, should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing, by Monday, January 14, 2008, identifying their interest in the Application. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Executive Summary of the Application and all Orders issued.

All submissions and/or correspondence received from active participants or the general public relating to the Application will be placed on the public record and posted to the Commission's web site.

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

The Application and supporting materials will be available for inspection at the following locations:

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority 333 Dunsmuir Street Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5R3 <a href="http://www.bchydro.com">http://www.bchydro.com</a> Attention: Joanna Sofield, Chief Regulatory Officer	British Columbia Utilities Commission Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3 Telephone: 1-800-663-1385 <a href="http://www.bcuc.com">http:// www.bcuc.com</a>
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### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact the Commission Secretary, Ms. Erica Hamilton or Mr. Donald Flintoff, Senior Electrical Engineer, Engineering and Energy Markets as follows:

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