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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER** G-77-08

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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  
for Orders Varying the Pricing of Rate Schedules 1823, 1825, 1880 and 1890**

**BEFORE:** R.H. Hobbs, Chair April 30, 2008

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On February, 22, 2008 British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") applied for interim and final orders regarding the pricing of certain rate schedules applicable to its transmission service customers ("TSR Re-pricing Application"), to reflect the cost of new supply as indicated by the results of its F2006 Call for Tender process; and
- B. The rate schedules ("RS") that are the subject of the TSR Re-pricing Application are RS 1823 (Stepped Rate); RS 1825 (Time of Use or "TOU" Rate); RS 1880 (Standby and Maintenance Supply Rate), and RS 1890 (Energy Imbalance Rate); and
- C. Each of the rate schedules that are the subject of the TSR Re-pricing Application have rates that are either set on the basis that they ought to reflect BC Hydro's cost of new supply (Tier 2 Rates), or are calculated residually in accordance with the pricing mechanism of the respective rate schedule (Tier 1 Rates); and
- D. On February 20, 2008 BC Hydro filed its F2009/F2010 Revenue Requirements Application ("F09/F10 RRA"), seeking interim rate relief as described therein. Also on February 20, 2008, BC Hydro applied to the Commission for reconsideration of certain elements of its October 26, 2007 Decision regarding BC Hydro's Rate Design Application ("Rate Rebalancing Reconsideration Application"); and
- E. On February 22, 2008 the Commission issued Letter No. L-5-08 establishing, among other things, the regulatory timetable for parties to address, by written submission, BC Hydro's request to implement as interim rates the rates described in the TSR Re-pricing Application and the F09/F10 RRA effective April 1, 2008; and
- F. By Order No. G-21-08 dated February 25, 2008, the Commission established the Regulatory Timetable for the F09/F10 RRA, which included a Workshop on the F09/F10 RRA for March 6, 2008; and

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- G. By Order No. G-28-08 dated February 28, 2008, the Commission established a Procedural Conference to be held on April 28, 2008 to hear submissions for the F09/F10 RRA, the TSR Re-pricing Application, and the Residential Inclining Block Rate Application (the “RIB Rate Application”); and
- H. On March 14, 2008 the Commission issued Order No. G-41-08 and Reasons for Decision approving the interim relief sought in the TSR Re-pricing Application and the establishment of a regulatory account to record the variance in incremental revenue that arises due to the difference between the customer’s actual consumption and its Customer Baseline Load amount; and
- I. A Procedural Conference was held on April 28, 2008.

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

1. The TSR Re-pricing Application will be reviewed by a Written Public Hearing process with Intervenor Arguments to be filed by Thursday, May 22, 2008, and BC Hydro Reply Argument to be filed by Friday, June 6, 2008.
2. The revenue implications of the TSR Re-pricing Application are to be included in the Evidentiary Update of the F09/F10 RRA.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2008.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Robert H. Hobbs  
Chair