

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-29-08



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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 ("BC Hydro")
Transmission Service Rate Re-Pricing Application**

BEFORE: R. J. Milbourne, Commissioner
A.A. Rhodes, Commissioner February 29, 2008

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 22, 2008 BC Hydro applied for interim and final orders regarding the pricing of certain rate schedules applicable to its transmission service customers, to reflect the cost of new supply as indicated by the results of its F2006 Call for Tender process (the "TSR Re-pricing Application"); and
- B. The rate schedules that were 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 the regulatory timetable for the Rate Rebalancing Reconsideration Application that included Intervenor Argument, BC Hydro Reply Argument, and Oral Phase of Argument (if required). The Letter also established the regulatory timetable for the F09/F10 RRA and the TSR Re-pricing Application to address, by written submission, the BC Hydro request to implement interim rates 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. The Order also established a Procedural Conference to hear submissions on the regulatory process for the review of the F09/F10 RRA, the TSR Re-pricing Application, and the RIB Application. The Procedural Conference regarding the regulatory process for the review of the RIB Application, TSR Re-

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pricing Application, and F09/F10 RRA will held on Monday, April 28, 2008, commencing at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission's Hearing Room on the 12th Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.; and

- G. On February 26, 2008, BC Hydro filed its Residential Inclining Block ("RIB") Application; and
- H. In its F09/F10 RRA, BC Hydro proposes a regulatory process to address its RIB Application, the TSR Re-pricing Application, and the F09/F10 RRA by a preliminary process order that establishes a F09/F10 workshop, RIB/TSR workshop, Commission Information Requests ("IRs") on the three applications, registration of Intervenor and Interested Parties, Intervenor IRs, BC Hydro responses to all IRs, and a Procedural Conference on or about Monday, April 28, 2008 to consider further process for all three applications, including consideration of which applications might be resolved through negotiated settlement or written process; and
- I. On February 28, 2008, the Commission issued Order No. G-28-08 confirming the date and location of the Procedural Conference and directing BC Hydro to publish a Notice of Applications and a Procedural Conference with respect to the F09/F10 RRA, the RIB Application and the TSR Re-pricing Application; and
- J. The Commission has reviewed BC Hydro's proposed regulatory timetables included in the F09/F10 RRA and the TSR Re-pricing Application and considers that in addition to the Procedural Conference confirmed by Order No. G-28-08, a TSR Re-pricing Application Regulatory Timetable should be established.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. BC Hydro is to hold a Workshop with respect to the TSR Re-pricing Applications on Thursday, March 13, 2008, commencing at 1:00 p.m., in the Commission's Hearing Room on the 12th Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.
- 2. A Procedural Conference regarding the regulatory process for the review of the RIB Application, TSR Re-pricing Application, and F09/F10 RRA will held on Monday, April 28, 2008, commencing at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission's Hearing Room on the 12th Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.
- 3. After the Procedural Conference, the Commission will issue a further procedural Order and Regulatory Timetable for the review of the TSR Re-pricing Application.
- 4. The deadlines for Commission and Intervenor Information Requests No. 1 to BC Hydro, and the responses from BC Hydro are set out in the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order.
- 5. BC Hydro is to provide a copy of this Commission Order and the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order to Transmission Service customers and to Intervenor who participated in the Commission's review of BC Hydro's F07/F08 Revenue Requirements Application and the 2007 Rate Design Application.

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6. The TSR Re-pricing Application with any supporting materials, will be made available for inspection at the BC Hydro Head Office in Vancouver and BC Hydro offices in Burnaby, Fort St. John, Kamloops, Surrey, Nanaimo, North Vancouver, Prince George, Salmon Arm, Vernon, and Victoria. The materials will also be available on BC Hydro's website at <http://www.bchydro.com> and on the Commission's website at <http://www.bcuc.com>.
7. Intervenor and Interested Parties should register to participate in the Commission's review of the TSR Re-pricing Application with the Commission, in writing or by online web registration, by Thursday, March 20, 2008 and advise whether they will attend the Procedural Conference. Intervenor should specifically state the nature of their interest in the TSR Re-pricing Application and identify generally the nature of the issues that they intend to pursue during the TSR Re-pricing Application proceeding and the nature and extent of their anticipated involvement in the review process or processes.
8. Intervenor intending to apply for participant assistance must submit a budget estimate by Monday, May 12, 2008, consistent with the Commission's Participant Assistance/Cost Award Guidelines and Order No. G-72-07. Copies are available upon request or can be downloaded from the Commission's web site at <http://www.bcuc.com>. The TSR Re-pricing Application Workshop will be eligible for funding as a proceeding day.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 29th day of February 2008.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R.J. Milbourne
Commissioner

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2008)
TSR Re-Pricing Application Workshop	Thursday, March 13, commencing at 1:00 p.m.
TSR Re-Pricing Application Commission Information Requests ("IRs") to BC Hydro (BCUC IR No. 1)	Tuesday, March 18
TSR Re-Pricing Application Registration of Intervenors and Interested Parties	Thursday, March 20
TSR Re-Pricing Application Intervenor IRs to BC Hydro (Intervenor IR No. 1)	Tuesday, March 25
BC Hydro Responses to TSR Re-Pricing Application IRs (BCUC and Intervenor IR No. 1)	Friday, April 18
Procedural Conference for the review of the Residential Inclining Block Rate Application, TSR Re-Pricing Application, and F09/F10 RRA	Monday, April 28, commencing at 9:00 a.m.
Deadline for TSR Re-Pricing Application Participant Assistance/Cost Award submission of Budget Estimate	Monday, May 12

Location of the TSR Re-Pricing Application Workshop and Procedural Conference:

**12th Floor Commission Hearing Room
1125 Howe Street
Vancouver, B.C.**