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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-76-08

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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
2008 Residential Inclining Block Application**

BEFORE: R.H. Hobbs, Chair April 28, 2008

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 26, 2008 British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") filed an application, pursuant to sections 58 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, for review and approval of a new, two-step, inclining block rate structure for its residential customers (the "RIB Application"); and
- B. One of the objectives of the RIB Application is to encourage additional electricity conservation, a goal that was prescribed in certain Policy Actions of the 2007 Energy Plan; and
- C. On February 20, 2008 BC Hydro filed with the Commission 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
- F. On February 22, 2008 BC Hydro applied for interim and final Orders regarding the pricing of certain rate schedules to its transmission service customers to reflect the cost of new supply as indicated by the results of its F2006 Call for Tender process ("TSR Re-pricing Application"); and
- G. The Commission issued Letter No. L-5-08 dated February 22, 2008 establishing a Regulatory Timetable for the Rate Rebalancing Reconsideration Application that included Intervenor Argument, BC Hydro Reply Argument, and an Oral Phase of Argument, if required. The Letter also established a 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
- H. By Order No. G-21-08 dated February 25, 2008, the Commission established the regulatory timetable for the F09/F10 RRA. By Order No. G-28-08 dated February 28, 2008, the Commission also established a Procedural Conference to be held on Monday, April 28, 2008 to hear submissions on the regulatory process for review of the (i) F09/F10 RRA, (ii) the TSR Re-pricing Application, and (iii) the RIB Application; and

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- I. By letter dated April 22, 2008, the Commission issued an agenda for the Procedural Conference; and
- J. On April 25, 2008 Commission staff proposed regulatory timetables for review of the F09/F10 RRA, the TSR Re-pricing Application and the RIB Application, including a proposed schedule for review of the RIB Application by a Negotiated Settlement Process (“NSP”) and, in the alternative, by an Oral Public Hearing; and
- J. The Procedural Conference regarding the regulatory process for review of the above three Applications was held on Monday, April 28, 2008; and
- K. During the Procedural Conference, BC Hydro proposed an alternative regulatory timetable for review of the RIB Application; and
- L. Most Participants at the Procedural Conference were of the view that a Negotiated Settlement was unlikely to be achieved.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders that an Oral Public Hearing to review the RIB Application will commence at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, June 16, 2008 in the Commission Hearing Room on the Twelfth Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. The Regulatory Timetable for the proceeding is established as set out in Appendix A to this Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 30th day of April 2008.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert H. Hobbs
Chair

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2008)
BCUC and Intervenor Information Requests No. 2 to BC Hydro	Monday, May 5
Deadline for Participant Assistance/Cost Award Budgets	Monday, May 12
BC Hydro Responses to BCUC and Intervenor Information Requests No. 2	Tuesday, May 20
Intervenor Evidence (if any)	Friday, May 23
BCUC and Participant Information Requests No. 1 to Intervenor	Wednesday, May 28
Intervenor Responses to Information Request No.1	Wednesday, June 11
Oral Public Hearing Commences at 9:30 a.m.	Monday, June 16