



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-126-08

TELEPHONE: (604) 660-4700
BC TOLL FREE: 1-800-663-1385
FACSIMILE: (604) 660-1102

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 the Approval of the 2008 Long-Term Acquisition Plan ("2008 LTAP")

BEFORE: A.J. Pullman, Chair
R.J. Milbourne, Commissioner September 11, 2008
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 12, 2008 BC Hydro filed, pursuant to subsections 44.1(2), 44.1(4) and 44.2(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act* ("UCA", the "Act"), the 2008 LTAP with the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("BCUC", the "Commission") for review; and
- B. The 2008 LTAP is a ten-year plan for acquiring demand-side and supply-side resources to meet demand in British Columbia. The 2008 LTAP both updates and expands the 2006 Integrated Electricity Plan/LTAP, which was the subject of Order G-20-07 ("2006 IEP/LTAP Decision"); and
- C. The 2008 LTAP reflects BC Hydro's commitment to examine the effects of the British Columbia Government's updated energy policy, "The BC Energy Plan: A Vision for Clean Energy Leadership", and the relevant issues in the 2006 IEP/LTAP Decision; and
- D. BC Hydro seeks an Order which, pursuant to section 44.1(6)(a) of the Act, states that the 2008 LTAP is in the public interest and, pursuant to section 44.2(3)(a) of the Act, determines that expenditures related to the programs and projects listed in Section 1.1.2 of the Application are in the public interest; and
- E. By Commission Order G-96-08, the Commission established the first steps in the regulatory review process, which included a technical workshop, two rounds of Information Requests ("IRs"), and a Procedural Conference held on September 9, 2008 to address procedural matters; and
- F. By letter dated September 4, 2008, the Commission circulated an Agenda for the Procedural Conference together with the BC Hydro proposed schedule and a Commission staff proposed schedule; and
- G. At the Procedural Conference, the Commission Panel heard submissions on the scope of the regulatory review and the review format for the principal issues, the proposed schedules, BC Hydro's proposal to close

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-126-08**

2

the evidentiary phase for the Mica Units 5 and 6 following the second round of Information Requests, BC Hydro's request to extend the due date for BC Hydro's response to IR No. 2 from the Commission and Intervenor, the intention of Intervenor to call evidence and the BC Sustainable Energy Association's request to fix a deadline for budget estimates for PACA funding; and

- H. Not all parties spoke to all issues, but all parties either supported BC Hydro's submissions, took no position on the submissions of BC Hydro, or did not oppose the BC Hydro position on the various matters; and
- I. The Commission Panel has considered all the submissions.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. A Hearing Issues List for the 2008 LTAP Oral Public Hearing is not required.
2. The Regulatory Timetable for the Oral Public Hearing is attached as Appendix A to this Order.
3. The evidentiary phase for the Mica Units 5 and 6 Definition phase expenditures request closes on October 15, 2008 and final argument on those expenditures will form part of the Final Arguments following the close of the evidentiary phase of the Oral Public Hearing scheduled to commence on January 8, 2009.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11th day of September 2008.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Anthony J. Pullman
Chair

Attachment

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro")
2008 Long Term Acquisition Plan ("2008 LTAP")

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2008)
Deadline for Participant Assistance/Cost Award Submission of Budget Estimate	Friday, October 10
BC Hydro Response to BCUC and Intervenor Request No. 2	Wednesday, October 15
Evidentiary Phase for Mica Units 5 and 6 Definition Phase Expenditures Request Closes	Wednesday, October 15
Intervenor Evidence	Friday, November 14
BCUC, BC Hydro and Intervenor IRs on Intervenor Evidence	Friday, November 21
Intervenor Responses to BCUC, BC Hydro and Intervenor IRs	Thursday, December 18
Direct Testimony and Rebuttal Evidence, if any	Monday, December 22
Oral Public Hearing commences	Thursday, January 8, 2009