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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-97-12

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**IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473**

and

**Application by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
to Amend Tariff Schedule 15xx to Accelerate the Medium General Service
Conservation Rate Implementation Schedule**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
C.A. Brown, Commissioner July 12, 2012
D.M. Morton, Commissioner
R.D. Revel, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 16, 2009, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) its Large General Service (LGS) Rate Application (LGSRA) under sections 58 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* seeking orders establishing new energy rates for LGS customers;
- B. Among other things, the LGSRA sought to establish two new rate classes from the existing LGS customers. The two proposed rate classes were: the LSG class with a monthly peak demand equal to or greater than 150 kW and the MGS class with peak demand less than 150 kW but greater than or equal to 35 kW;
- C. The LGSRA also sought a two-part conservation rate structure for both the new Medium General Service (MGS) and LGS class of customers which requires establishing a Historical Baseline;
- D. The LGSRA Negotiated Settlement Agreement (NSA) was approved by Order G-110-10 dated June 29, 2010, and established the MGS and the LGS classes, and the two-part conservation rate for the LGS class as reflected in Tariff Schedule 16xx;
- E. The LGSRA NSA also provided for the establishment, over time, of a two-part conservation rate for the MGS class as reflected in Tariff Schedule 15xx. Prior to being transferred to the two-part rate MGS accounts are billed on the pre-existing declining block rate – a rate structure with a higher Tier 1 rate and a lower Tier 2 rate;
- F. Section 5 of the LGSRA NSA set the implementation dates for the two-step conservation rate as follows:

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Effective Date	Rate Class	Peak Load	Number of Accounts
January 1, 2011	LGS	peak demand greater or equal to 150 kW	about 6,500
April 1, 2012	MGS	peak demand less than 150 kW and greater or equal to 85 kW	about 4,000
April 1, 2013	MGS	peak demand less than 85 kW and greater or equal to 55 kW	about 6,000
April 1, 2014	MGS	peak demand less than 55 kW and greater or equal to 35 kW	about 6,500

- G. Section 6(a) of the LGSRA NSA provides for BC Hydro to apply to the Commission for orders altering the implementation schedule described in Section 5 and/or amending the two-part conservation rate in regard to some or all of the MGS accounts;
- H. On June 29, 2012, BC Hydro filed an application with the Commission to Amend Tariff Schedule 15xx to Accelerate the MGS Conservation Rate Implementation Schedule (the Application). The Application requests approval to amend Section 5 of Tariff Schedule 15xx to accelerate the implementation date from April 1, 2014 to April 1, 2013 for MGS accounts with peak demand less than 55 kW and greater than or equal to 35 kW. The Application does not include any requests to amend the MGS part-two rate;
- I. BC Hydro considers it appropriate for Interveners of the LGSRA to be given an opportunity to comment on the Application;
- J. The Commission has reviewed BC Hydro's Application and considers that a Regulatory Timetable to review the Application should be established.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application is attached as Appendix A to this Order.
2. BC Hydro is to provide a copy of this Commission Order and the Regulatory Timetable to all parties who registered and/or participated in the Large General Service Rate Application.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of July 2012.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2012)
Intervener Registration	Monday, July 30
Commission and Intervener Information Request No. 1	Thursday, August 2
BC Hydro Responses to Information Request No. 1	Wednesday, August 15
Intervener Final Submissions	Friday, August 24
BC Hydro Reply Submission	Friday, August 31