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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER R-74-12**

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

and

An Application by Rio Tinto Alcan for Acceptance of a Revised Mitigation Plan
Required for Compliance with Mandatory Reliability Standard
PRC-005-1 Requirement 2 - Violation ID: BCUC201000076

BEFORE: D.M. Morton, Commissioner

October 9, 2012

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 125.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (Act) assigns exclusive jurisdiction to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) to determine whether a “reliability standard,” as defined in the Act, is in the public interest and should be adopted in British Columbia. By Order G-123-09, the Commission approved the Compliance Monitoring Program (CMP) for monitoring and enforcement of adopted reliability standards and appointed the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) as its Administrator for registration and monitoring compliance as per section 8 of the Act;
- B. Commission Order G-67-09 requires entities subject to approved Mandatory Reliability Standards to file mitigation plans outlining how they plan to achieve compliance;
- C. Pursuant to Section 5.3 of the CMP, a Mitigation Plan with respect to an Alleged Violation may be submitted at any time, and a Mitigation Plan with respect to a Confirmed Violation must be submitted within ten business days following confirmation by the Commission;
- D. By Order G-52-11, the Commission approved a Mitigation Plan with completion date of March 31, 2011, submitted by Rio Tinto Alcan (RTA) to address the alleged violation of Reliability Standard PRC-005-1 R2. By Order G-85-11, the Commission approved a Revised Mitigation Plan with completion date of June 30, 2011, submitted by RTA to address the same alleged violation. The previously approved Mitigation Plan is shown below:

Possible Noncompliance	Violation ID	Date Initial MP submitted to WECC	MP Approval	Proposed Completion Date	Revised MP Approval	Proposed Completion Date
PRC-005-1 R2	BCUC201000076	Dec. 2, 2010	G-52-11	March 31, 2011	G-85-11	June 30, 2011

- E. On July 21, 2011, RTA submitted a Revised Mitigation Plan to address the alleged violation of Reliability Standard PRC-005-1 R2. RTA requested the new completion date be September 30, 2011;
- F. By letter dated August 10, 2012, WECC recommended acceptance of the following Revised Mitigation Plan to bring RTA into compliance with the standard listed below:

Reliability Standard	BCUC Violation ID	Completion Date
PRC-005-1 R2	BCUC201000076	September 30, 2011

- G. The Commission has reviewed WECC’s recommendation and considers approval is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 125.2 (10) of the Act and in accordance with the Compliance Monitoring Program, the Commission accepts WECC’s recommendation and approves the Revised Mitigation Plan with completion date as listed in recital F above.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9th day of October 2012.

BY ORDER

Original Signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner