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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER G-28-14**

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

**and**

**Application by the Corporation of the City of Nelson  
for Approval of Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 3277, 2014**

**BEFORE:** L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner  
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner  
B.A. Magnan, Commissioner  
D.M. Morton, Commissioner  
C. van Wermeskerken, Commissioner

March 6, 2014

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On February 6, 2014, the Corporation of the City of Nelson (the City or Nelson Hydro) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 3277, 2014 to increase, effective April 1, 2014, its electrical rates by 2.85 percent;
- B. The Bylaw rate schedules include rates pertaining to the provision of electrical service to customers inside and outside of the City's municipal boundaries;
- C. The electrical utility rate increase is required due to increases in Nelson Hydro's operating costs, including increases in power purchase costs from its supplier FortisBC Inc. that were approved by Commission Order G-151-13; and
- E. The Commission reviewed Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 3277, 2014 and rate schedules, and finds that an electrical utility rate increase is necessary.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves for the Corporation of the City of Nelson and accepts for filing Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 3277, 2014 incorporating a 2.85 percent general rate increase to customers outside of its municipal boundaries, effective April 1, 2014.

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2. The Corporation of the City of Nelson, by way of a customer notice included in the next billing, must inform customers outside of its municipal boundaries of the rate increases.
3. The Corporation of the City of Nelson must provide the Commission with a final certified copy of Electrical Utility Amendment Bylaw No. 3277, 2014 following all approvals.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this    7<sup>th</sup>      day of March 2014.

BY ORDER

*Original Signed by:*

D.M. Morton  
Commissioner