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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER R-57-14**

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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
Request for Extension for Providing
Mandatory Reliability Standards Assessment Report No. 8**

BEFORE:

L. F. Kelsey, Commissioner
D. M. Morton, Commissioner
C. A. Brown, Commissioner
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner
K. A. Keilty, Commissioner
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner
C. van Wermeskerken, Commissioner

November 6, 2014

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Pursuant to section 125.2(2) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the Act) the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) has exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a "reliability standard," as defined in the Act, is in the public interest and should be adopted in British Columbia;
- B. In order to facilitate the Commission's consideration of reliability standards, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) is required under section 125.2(3) of the Act to review each reliability standard and provide the Commission with a report assessing:
 - (a) any adverse impact of the reliability standard on the reliability of electricity transmission in British Columbia if the reliability standard were adopted;
 - (b) the suitability of the reliability standard for British Columbia;
 - (c) the potential cost of the reliability standard if it were adopted; and
 - (d) any other matter prescribed by regulation or identified by order of the Commission;
- C. Further, subsection 3(1)(a) of the Mandatory Reliability Standards Regulation, BC Reg. 186/2014, M0325, (MRS Regulation) requires BC Hydro to report on a reliability standard, in accordance with section 125.2 (3)

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of the Act, within one year of the date the reliability standard is adopted by the regulatory body with jurisdiction over the standard-making body that established the reliability standard, which is the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC);

- D. Pursuant to subsection (1) of the MRS Regulation, upon application by BC Hydro, the Commission may extend the time by which BC Hydro must provide such a report;
- E. BC Hydro's approach for assessing standards, both new and revised, has been to assess those standards adopted by FERC within BC Hydro's annual assessment period. As a result, certain reliability standards included in Assessment Report No. 8 Assessment Period (December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014) will have been adopted by FERC more than one year prior to the filing date of Assessment Report No. 8;
- F. In a letter dated October 29, 2014 (Extension Request), BC Hydro requested an extension under section 3(2) of the MRS Regulation to ensure compliance with the MRS Regulation and to accommodate the current MRS assessment process. BC Hydro anticipates that Assessment Report No. 8 will be filed in the second quarter of the 2015 calendar year; and
- G. The Commission considered BC Hydro's Extension Request and considers an extension is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 3(2) of the Mandatory Reliability Standards Regulation, BC Reg. 186/2014, M0325, and section 125.2(4) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's Extension Request to provide a report to the Commission on the reliability standards adopted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission between December 1, 2013 and November 30, 2014.
- 2. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority must file Mandatory Reliability Standards Assessment Report No. 8 with the Commission by May 1, 2015.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 6th day of November 2014.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner