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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER R-16-15**

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

**and**

**Zeballos Lake Hydro Limited Partnership  
Application to Deregister for certain functions required for Compliance  
with Mandatory Reliability Standards in British Columbia**

**BEFORE:**

L. F. Kelsey, Commissioner  
C. A. Brown, Commissioner  
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner  
K. A. Keilty, Commissioner  
N. E. MacMurchy, Commissioner  
I. F. MacPhail, Commissioner  
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner  
D. M. Morton, Commissioner  
R. D. Revel, Commissioner

April 2, 2015

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Mandatory Reliability Standards Regulation (MRS Regulation), Ministerial Order M039, deposited February 23, 2009, described the parties subject to reliability standards adopted under section 125.2(6) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA). On June 4, 2009, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order G-67-09 specifying that entities subject to reliability standards must register with the Commission;
- B. In accordance with the Administration Agreement between the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) and the Commission, dated September 8, 2009 and renewed August 21, 2014, WECC makes registration recommendations in its role as Administrator for the BC Mandatory Reliability Standards (MRS) Program;
- C. By Order G-96-10, Zeballos Lake Hydro Limited Partnership (Zeballos) was registered with the BC MRS Program for the functions of Transmission Owner and Transmission Operator;

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- D. On October 7, 2014, Ministerial Order M325 amended the MRS Regulation with a revised definition of the bulk power system and a revision to the parties that are subject to reliability standards in BC. The amended MRS Regulation does not include an exception process to exclude/include an entity in the BC MRS Program if an entity qualifies/does not qualify under the revised definition of the bulk power system;
- E. On February 6, 2015, WECC informed the Commission that Zeballos does not meet the requirements in Ministerial Order M325 and recommended the Commission deregister Zeballos as Transmission Owner and Transmission Operator with the BC MRS Program;
- F. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority was informed of WECC's recommendation to deregister Zeballos; and
- G. The Commission considers WECC's recommendation to deregister Zeballos is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to section 125.2(10) of the *Utilities Commission Act* and in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Reliability Standards in British Columbia and Registration Manual attached as Appendix A thereto, the British Columbia Utilities Commission approves the deregistration of Zeballos Lake Hydro Limited Partnership for the functions of Transmission Owner and Transmission Operator as recommended by the Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

D. M. Morton  
Commissioner