

BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

and

Innergex Renewable Energy Inc.

Application for Acceptance of a Mitigation Plan required for Compliance with Mandatory Reliability Standards:

PRC-001-1 Requirement 1 - Violation ID: BCUC2013000474

PRC-001-1 Requirement 3 - Violation ID: BCUC2013000430

**BEFORE:** D. M. Morton, Commissioner April 14, 2015

## ORDER

## WHEREAS:

- A. Section 125.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) assigns exclusive jurisdiction to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) to determine whether a "reliability standard," as defined in the UCA, 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 UCA. WECC's role as Administrator for the BC Mandatory Reliability Standards (MRS) Program was renewed in the first amended Administration Agreement, dated August 21, 2014;
- B. Pursuant to section 5 of the CMP, an entity subject to approved Mandatory Reliability Standards found in Confirmed Violation of a reliability standard must prepare a Mitigation Plan (MP) to correct the Confirmed Violation or prepare a description of how the Confirmed Violation has been mitigated. An MP with respect to a Confirmed Violation must be submitted to the Administrator within ten business days following confirmation by the Commission;
- C. An MP with respect to an Alleged Violation may be submitted at any time and the Commission encourages entities to mitigate all perceived instances of noncompliance upon detection;
- D. On February 9, 2015, Innergex Renewable Energy Inc. (Innergex) submitted MPs (Version 1) to address the alleged violation of Reliability Standards PRC-001-1 R1 and R3 with proposed completion dates of February 27, 2015. On March 5, 2015, Innergex requested the proposed completion dates be extended to

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March 27, 2015. On March 27, 2015, Innergex requested the proposed completion date for PRC-001-1R1 be extended again to May 1, 2015;

E. By email notifications dated April 7, 2015, WECC recommended acceptance of the following MPs to bring Innergex into compliance with the Reliability Standards identified below:

Alleged Violation	BCUC Violation ID	Date MP (Version 1) Submitted to WECC	Proposed Completion Date
PRC-001-1 R1	BCUC2013000474	February 9, 2015	May 1, 2015
PRC-001-1 R3	BCUC2013000430	February 9, 2015	March 27, 2015

F. The Commission reviewed WECC's recommendations and considers acceptance is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to section 125.2(10) of the *Utilities Commission Act* and in accordance with the Compliance Monitoring Program, the British Columbia Utilities Commission accepts the Mitigation Plans with the completion dates as identified above as recommended by the Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this day of April 2015.

**BY ORDER** 

Original Signed By:

D. M. Morton Commissioner