BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Order Number R-35-15

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the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

IN THE MATTER OF

and

Cape Scott Wind L.P. Application for Acceptance of a Mitigation Plan required for Compliance with Mandatory Reliability Standard: VAR-002-1.1b Requirement 3 - Violation ID: BCUC2014000557

BEFORE: D. M. Morton, Commissioner

June 10, 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. The CMP was revised and updated by Commission Order R-34-15, dated June 3, 2015;
- 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 May 13, 2015, Cape Scott Wind L.P. (Cape Scott) submitted a MP (Version 1) to address the alleged violation of Reliability Standard VAR-002-1.1b R3 with the proposed completion date of May 7, 2015;

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E. By email notification dated June 5, 2015, WECC recommended acceptance of the following MP to bring Cape Scott into compliance with the Reliability Standard identified below:

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Alleged Violation	BCUC Violation ID	Date MP (Version 1) Submitted to WECC	Proposed Completion Date
VAR-002-1.1b R3	BCUC2014000557	May 13, 2015	May 7, 2015

F. The Commission reviewed WECC's recommendation 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 Plan with the completion date as identified above as recommended by the Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton Commissioner