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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER R-39-15**

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

**and**

**Powell River Energy Inc.  
Application for Acceptance of a Mitigation Plan required for  
Compliance with Mandatory Reliability Standard:  
TOP-003-0 Requirement 3 - Violation ID: BCUC201000203**

**BEFORE:** D. M. Morton, Commissioner

July 21, 2015

**O R D E R**

**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 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 December 14, 2010, Powell River Energy Inc. (PREI) submitted an MP to address the Initial Period violation of Reliability Standard TOP-003-0R3 with the proposed completion date of December 16, 2011;

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- E. By email notification dated September 5, 2012, WECC recommended acceptance of the following MP to bring PREI into compliance with the Reliability Standard identified below:

<b>Violation</b>	<b>BCUC Violation ID</b>	<b>Date MP (Version 1) Submitted to WECC</b>	<b>Proposed Completion Date</b>
TOP-003-0 R3	BCUC201000203	May 29, 2012	Dec. 16, 2011

- F. The Commission's review of WECC's recommendation was delayed; and
- G. The Commission has now 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2015.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

D. M. Morton  
Commissioner