

BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER

**NUMBER** G-174-15

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## IN THE MATTER OF the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application for Approval of Contracted Generator Baseline Guidelines
and Reconsideration and Variance of Order G-19-14

**BEFORE:** L. A. O'Hara, Panel Chair/Commissioner

R. D. Revel, Commissioner

B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

October 30, 2015

## ORDER

## **WHEREAS:**

- A. On December 12, 2014, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of Contracted Generator Baseline Guidelines (Guidelines) in compliance with Directive 2 of Order G-19-14 as varied by Order G-106-14 and the Phase 2 reconsideration and variance of Order G-19-14 addressing where the Guidelines should reside (Application);
- B. The British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* (BCOAPO), B.C. Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club of British Columbia (BCSEA), Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC), FortisBC Inc., Zellstoff Celgar Limited Partnership (Celgar), the Association of Major Power Customers (AMPC) and West Fraser Mills registered as interveners;
- C. On December 16, 2014, by Order G-199-14, the Commission established a preliminary Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application which included one round of Information Requests, and submissions from the parties on further regulatory process. The preliminary Regulatory Timetable was subsequently suspended by Order G-12-15, dated January 30, 2015;
- D. The suspension was lifted and the dates amended by Order G-42-15, dated March 27, 2015. The dates in the preliminary Regulatory Timetable were further extended by way of Order G-64-15 dated April 23, 2015;

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- E. By Order G-96-15, dated June 4, 2015, the Commission determined that the review of the Application would proceed by way of a written hearing and set the final Regulatory Timetable which provided for a second round of information requests, followed by written submissions; and
- F. On July 23, 2015, BC Hydro made its final submission. On August 7, 2015, BCSEA, Celgar, CEC, AMPC and BCOAPO filed final submissions, followed by BC Hydro's reply on August 20, 2015.

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the *Utilities Commission Act*, the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders:

- 1. The Contracted GBL Guidelines (Guidelines), updated as of July 23, 2015 and attached to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's (BC Hydro) final submission, will be approved by further order, after BC Hydro files the updated Guidelines with the amendments directed in the decision.
- 2. BC Hydro is directed to file, within 30 days of the date of this order, the final updated Guidelines incorporating the findings in the decision.
- 3. Once approved, BC Hydro is directed to apply the Guidelines when negotiating all future Energy Purchase Agreements and Load Displacement Agreements with self-generating customers to whom the Guidelines apply.
- 4. BC Hydro's request for reconsideration of Directive 2 of Order G-19-14 regarding where the Guidelines should reside is granted. BC Hydro is directed to include the Guidelines and Attachment 3 of Exhibit B-1, that will be attached to the final order approving the Guidelines:
  - (i) in future BC Hydro filings under section 44.2 of the UCA in respect of a DSM expenditure schedule that includes expenditures on LDAs;
  - (ii) in future BC Hydro filings under section 71 of the UCA in respect of an EPA between BC Hydro and a self-generating customer;
  - (iii) on BC Hydro's PowerSmart website within the section associated with LDAs;
  - (iv) in the package of materials provided to customers for the purposes of negotiating an LDA;
  - (v) on BC Hydro's website within the section associated with energy procurement; and
  - (vi) in the package of materials provided to customers for the purpose of negotiating an EPA.
- 5. BC Hydro is directed to file, within 30 days of the date of this order, the appropriate Deemed Demand and Deemed Energy Billing Formula tariff sheets for both transmission service rate customers and general service customers. The tariff sheets must include a description of the method that BC Hydro uses to determine the energy (kWh) that is deemed to have received from the customer in accordance with the Energy Purchase Agreement and describe the billing process and calculation that BC Hydro will use to bill the

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customer for deemed energy (kWh) and demand (kV.A) it purchases from BC Hydro under the customers Electricity Supply Agreement.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this

30th

day of October 2015.

BY ORDER

Original Signed By:

L. A. O'Hara Panel Chair/Commissioner