



ORDER NUMBER
G-50-16

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
2015 Rate Design Application

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Commissioner and Panel Chair
D. A. Cote, Commissioner
K. A. Keilty, Commissioner

April 12, 2016

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. The British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed a letter with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) on March 24, 2016, requesting that the oral hearing be postponed to mid-August 2016 instead of holding the hearing in July 2016 as contemplated in the regulatory timetable attached to Order G-12-16;
- B. BC Hydro believes that postponing the oral hearing dates will allow the parties the opportunity to review the updates to its F2017-F2019 Revenue Requirements Application, which are expected to be filed at the end of July 2016;
- C. The British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* (BCOAPO) followed up on BC Hydro's request by letter dated March 31, 2016, to the Commission. BCOAPO submitted that if the oral hearing dates are moved to mid-August as proposed by BC Hydro then it proposed the other deadlines in the regulatory timetable for the Rate Design Application, including the deadline for submitting intervenor evidence, be moved back by two or three weeks;
- D. By letter dated April 5, 2016, the Commission requested comments from all parties, to be filed no later than April 11, 2016, regarding the proposals from BC Hydro and BCOAPO as well as the draft regulatory timetable;
- E. By April 11, 2016, the Commission received comments from the following parties:
 - 1. Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia
 - 2. BCOAPO
 - 3. BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club BC
 - 4. Movement of United Professionals (MoveUp)
 - 5. Association of Major Power Customers
 - 6. Non-Integrated Areas Ratepayers Group

7. FortisBC Energy Inc. and FortisBC Inc.
 8. Zone II Ratepayers Group (ZoneIIRPG)
- F. All parties who made submissions expressed either support or no opposition to the proposals from BC Hydro and BCOAPO and the draft regulatory timetable attached to the Commission letter dated April 5, 2016. BCOAPO, MoveUp and ZoneIIRPG further suggest that the Commission request all parties to keep August 25th and 26th available should the hearing not conclude by August 24th; and
- G. The Commission considered the comments from all parties, including comments related to the potential overflow of hearing days and determines that an amendment to the timetable is reasonable and appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders that the regulatory timetable established by Order G-12-16 be amended as set out in the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of April 2016.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner and Panel Chair

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE
Intervener Evidence	Monday, May 9, 2016
Information Request No. 1 on Intervener Evidence	Monday, May 30, 2016
Intervener Response to Information Request No. 1	Wednesday, June 22, 2016
BC Hydro Rebuttal Evidence	Wednesday, July 6, 2016
Oral Hearing	Tuesday-Thursday August 16-18 Tuesday-Wednesday August 23-24
Additional Oral Hearing Days, if required	Thursday-Friday August 25-26
BC Hydro Final Argument on Oral Phase	TBD
Intervener Final Argument on Oral Phase	TBD
BC Hydro Reply Argument on Oral Phase	TBD