



**ORDER NUMBER
R-15-16**

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Mandatory Reliability Standard Assessment Report No. 9
Addressing Reliability Standards for Adoption in British Columbia

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Commissioner
D. J. Enns, Commissioner
W. M. Everett, Commissioner
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner

on May 5, 2016

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. Pursuant to section 125.2(2) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) has exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a “reliability standard”, as defined in the UCA, is in the public interest and should be adopted in British Columbia (BC);
- B. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) is required under section 125.2(3) of the UCA to review each reliability standard and provide the Commission with a report assessing:
 - (a) any adverse impact of the reliability standard on the reliability of electricity transmission in BC if the reliability standard were adopted;
 - (b) the suitability of the reliability standard for BC;
 - (c) the potential cost of the reliability standard if it were adopted;
 - (c.1) the application of the reliability standard; and
 - (d) any other matter prescribed by regulation or identified by order of the Commission;
- C. On April 28, 2016, BC Hydro submitted Mandatory Reliability Standards Assessment Report No. 9; and
- D. Pursuant to section 125.2(5) of the UCA, if the Commission receives a report under section 125.2(3) of the UCA, the Commission must make the report available to the public in a reasonable manner, and for a reasonable period of time and consider any comments in response to the report.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 125.2 (5) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders that:

1. A public comment process is established for the review of the Mandatory Reliability Standards Assessment Report No. 9 (Report) according to the Regulatory Timetable set out in Appendix A to this order. The process provides for public comments on the Report, and if required, written information requests and responses to information requests, as well as any additional process.
2. Within five (5) business days of the date of this order, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority must notify each Entity registered in the British Columbia Mandatory Reliability Standards Program of the Report and review process by providing them with a copy of this order and/or the link on the Commission's website where this order is published.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 5th day of May 2016.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Mandatory Reliability Standards Assessment Report No. 9
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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2016)
Written public comments to the Commission and BC Hydro on Assessment Report No. 9	Thursday, May 26
BC Hydro Reply Comments	Thursday, June 9
Commission Information Requests, if necessary	Thursday, June 23
Responses to Information Requests	Thursday, July 7