



**ORDER NUMBER
G-10-17**

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Interior to Lower Mainland Project
Compliance Filing Pursuant to Order C-4-08
Final Report – Extension Request

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Commissioner
D. J. Enns, Commissioner
W. M. Everett, Commissioner
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner
M. Kresivo, Commissioner
R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on January 26, 2017

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 13, 2016, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) an application to extend the filing date of the Interior to Lower Mainland (ILM) Project Final Report (Final Report) as BC Hydro is proceeding with a consolidated arbitration process to resolve outstanding claims (Application). A decision is expected in the second half of 2017 and BC Hydro requests the ILM Final Report submission be extended until such time as the decision on the consolidated arbitration has been issued, and that BC Hydro has had adequate time to prepare the Final Report. The Application would vary Directive 3 of Order C-4-08, as amended by Order G-112-16, which directed BC Hydro to file with the Commission a Final Report within six months of the end or substantial completion of the ILM Project;
- B. On November 5, 2007, the British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC), now part of BC Hydro, applied pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the ILM Project;
- C. On August 5, 2008, the Commission issued Order C-4-08 granting a CPCN for the ILM Project subject to the conditions and directions set out in the order and decision;
- D. On January 29, 2016, BC Hydro filed with the Commission its Fiscal 2016 Q3 Quarterly Progress Report No. 29 which, amongst other things, specified it would be the last quarterly report as the ILM transmission line is now in service and the Final Report for the ILM Project will be submitted in June 2016;

- E. On June 20, 2016, BC Hydro filed with the Commission an application to extend the filing date of the Final Report for the ILM Project from June 30, 2016 to January 31, 2017;
- F. On June 29, 2016, as an interim measure to allow for further review, the Commission granted a one month extension of the filing date from June 30, 2016 to July 31, 2016;
- G. On July 14, 2016, the Commission issued Order G-112-16 granting an extension of the filing date from June 30, 2016 to January 31, 2017;
- H. BC Hydro also submits that it continues to require additional time to complete trailing environmental management and deficiencies resolution work prior to its filing the Final Report for the ILM Project; and
- I. The Commission has reviewed the Application and has determined a variance to Directive 3 of Order C-4-08 as amended by Order G-112-16, is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 99 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders as follows:

- 1. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's (BC Hydro) application for a variance to Directive 3 of Order C-4-08, as amended by Order G-112-16, for an extension to filing date of the Interior to Lower Mainland (ILM) Project Final Report, is granted. BC Hydro must file with the Commission the Final Report for the ILM Project no later than December 31, 2017.
- 2. BC Hydro must provide the Commission with an ILM Project update report by July 1, 2017, and provide the Commission with an update of any significant change in estimated costs that occur prior to filing the Final Report for the ILM Project.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 26th day of January 2017.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner