



ORDER NUMBER
G-22-17

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

and

SSL-Sustainable Services Ltd.
Status as a Public Utility under the *Utilities Commission Act*

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair/Commissioner
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on February 23, 2017

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 21, 2017 the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) received an email request from SSL-Sustainable Services Ltd.'s (SSL) to extend the deadline established in Commission Order G-12-17 to file its Respondent Package (Request). The Request seeks to extend the filing deadline by two weeks from February 24, 2017 to March 10, 2017 in order to allow SSL to file a more complete package;
- B. On December 16, 2015, the Commission received a complaint from a resident of the City of Langford regarding energy services in a subdivision provided by SSL-Sustainable Services Ltd.'s (SSL) geothermal system;
- C. SSL has not been granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, nor has it made an application for approval of rates for public utility service under the Stream B criteria of the Commission's Thermal Energy System (TES) Regulatory Framework Guidelines (TES Guidelines). SSL has also not been granted Stream A status per the TES Guidelines;
- D. The Commission reviewed the complaint and the information provided by SSL in its response letters and on June 9, 2016 via Order G-87-16, and pursuant to section 83 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), another panel made the order that initiated this proceeding to determine whether SSL is a public utility under the UCA (Proceeding);
- E. A workshop and procedural conference were held on January 18, 2017. SSL, City of Langford, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI), and Commission staff made submissions at the procedural conference;
- F. By Order G-12-17 dated January 31, 2017, the Commission extended the regulatory timetable for the Proceeding, which included the filing of the Respondent's Package on February 24, 2017; and
- G. The Panel has considered the Request and finds that extending the deadline by two weeks, for the Respondent Package and all remaining items in the Proceeding's timetable established by Order G-12-17 is warranted.

1. **NOW THEREFORE** the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders that the regulatory timetable for the proceeding to determine whether SSL-Sustainable Services Ltd. is a public utility under the *Utilities Commission Act*, as set out in Appendix A to this order, be amended by extending the deadline for the filing of the Respondent's package to March 10, 2017. All other dates in this timetable shall also be extended by two weeks to allow for appropriate process in this hearing.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of February 2017.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

SSL-Sustainable Services Ltd.
SSL Geothermal Energy System Status as a Public Utility
under the *Utilities Commission Act*

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2017)
SSL Filing of Respondent Package	Friday, March 10
City of Langford Filing of Package	Friday, March 10
Commission Staff Filing Staff Package, if necessary	Friday, March 17
Commission Information Request No. 1 to SSL's Respondent Package	Friday, March 31
Commission Information Request No. 1 to City of Langford's Package	Friday, March 31
Intervener Information Request No. 1 to SSL's Respondent Package	Friday, April 14
SSL and Intervener Information Request No. 1 to City of Langford's Package	Friday, April 14
SSL and City of Langford Response to Commission and Intervener Information Request No. 1	Tuesday, May 2
Further Process	TBD