



ORDER NUMBER
R-15-18

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

and

Encana
Application for Registration required for Compliance with
Mandatory Reliability Standards

BEFORE:
W. M. Everett, QC, Commissioner

on March 5, 2018

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 5, 2018, the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), acting as the Administrator for the British Columbia Mandatory Reliability Standards Program (BC MRS Program), issued a Recommendation for Registration (Recommendation) of Encana for the function of Distribution (DP);
- B. Section 125.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) assigns exclusive jurisdiction to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) to determine whether a “reliability standard,” as defined in the UCA, is in the public interest and should be adopted in BC. On June 4, 2009, the Commission issued Order G-67-09 specifying that entities subject to reliability standards must register with the Commission;
- C. In accordance with the Administration Agreement between WECC and the Commission, dated September 8, 2009 and renewed August 21, 2014, WECC makes registration recommendations in its role as the Commission’s Administrator for the BC MRS Program;
- D. Following a public process, the Commission issued Order R-12-17 approving revisions to the Rules of Procedure for Reliability Standards in British Columbia (ROP) Appendix 1: Registration Manual which included, among other things, clarification of the DP function. Most recent revisions to the Registration Manual were approved by Commission Order R-40-17, dated September 1, 2017;
- E. Encana applied to WECC for registration with the BC MRS Program and confirmed that its facility exceeded 75 MW of peak load on one or both of its interconnections on October 1, 2017;

- F. WECC reviewed the Encana facilities and noted that effective October 1, 2017, Encana meets the Distribution Provider (DP) registration criteria by serving >75 MW of peak load that is directly connected to the Bulk Electric System (BES). Also, Encana is a responsible entity that owns, controls, or operates facilities that are part of Protection Systems or programs designed, installed and operated for the protection of the BES. In its Recommendation, WECC noted that registering Encana for the DP function would be consistent with entity registration practice in the United States;
- G. Pursuant to the Registration Manual section 2.3, an entity is allowed 21 days to respond to any registration recommendation issued by WECC. Encana did not respond within the allotted time; and
- H. The Commission reviewed WECC's Recommendation and considers acceptance is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to section 125.2(10) of the UCA and in accordance with the Registration Manual that is Appendix 1 to the ROP, the Commission approves the registration of Encana for the DP function effective October 1, 2017.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 5th day of March 2018.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

W. M. Everett, QC
Commissioner