



ORDER NUMBER
G-71-19

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

and

British Columbia Utilities Commission
Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair
C. M. Brewer, Commissioner
A. K. Fung, QC, Commissioner

on March 28, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 11, 2019, by Order in Council (OIC) No. 108, made pursuant to section 5(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), the Lieutenant Governor in Council requested the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) advise the Lieutenant Governor in Council respecting the regulation of indigenous utilities in accordance with the terms of reference set out in section 3 of OIC No. 108 (Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry);
- B. Section 3 of OIC No. 108 also provides that the BCUC must submit reports to the minister responsible for the *Hydro and Power Authority Act*, as follows:
 - 1. An interim report describing the BCUC's progress to date and the BCUC's preliminary findings must be submitted no later than December 31, 2019;
 - 2. A final report describing the results of consultations undertaken by the BCUC and the BCUC's findings and recommendations must be submitted no later than January 31, 2020;
- C. By Order G-62-19 dated March 19, 2019, the BCUC established the Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry; and
- D. The BCUC considers that the establishment of a regulatory timetable for the Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. A regulatory timetable is established for the Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry, attached as Appendix A to this order.
2. Interveners who wish to participate in the Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry must register with the BCUC by completing a [Request to Intervene Form](#), available on the BCUC's website, by Monday, July 15, 2019, and in accordance with the [BCUC Rules of Practice and Procedure](#).
3. Anyone who wishes to receive electronic notification of filings for this proceeding must register as an interested party by completing the [Interested Party Registration Form](#) available on the BCUC's website.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of March 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

British Columbia Utilities Commission
Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2019)
Notice of Community Input Sessions	To be determined
Intervener and Interested Party Registration Deadline	Monday, July 15
Written Evidence Deadline	Monday, July 15
Further Process	To be determined



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INDIGENOUS UTILITIES REGULATION INQUIRY

On March 28, 2019, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) established a process and regulatory timetable for its inquiry exploring the regulation of Indigenous utilities in British Columbia. The Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry (the “Inquiry”) will explore and seek feedback on a number of important questions, including:

- What are the characteristics of an “Indigenous Utility” with respect to:
 - The ownership and operation of the utility;
 - What services are provided;
 - Who the services are provided to; and/or
 - The location or area served by the utility?
- Should Indigenous utilities be regulated or not? And if so, how?
 - If they should be regulated, should they be regulated by the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) or another mechanism?
 - If unregulated, how will the interests of Indigenous utility ratepayers be protected?

Currently, under the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) most utilities with a connection to an Indigenous community are regulated by the BCUC as public utilities. Indigenous peoples, all levels of government, utility owners and operators, the public and other organizations will have an opportunity to participate in the Inquiry.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- ⚡ **Submit a letter of comment**
- ⚡ **Register as an interested party**
- ⚡ **Request intervener status***
- ⚡ **Attend a Community Input Session****

IMPORTANT DATES

***Monday, July 15, 2019** – Deadline to register as an intervener with the BCUC

****TBD** – Dates and locations of the Community Input Sessions will be available shortly and posted on the BCUC website

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on getting involved, please visit our website (www.bcuc.com/get-involved) or contact us at the information below.

Additional information on the Inquiry can be found at www.bcuc.com on our “Current Proceedings” page.

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