



ORDER NUMBER
G-214-19

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
E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner

on September 6, 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 directed the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) to 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; and
 - 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;
- D. By Order G-190-19 dated August 9, 2019, the BCUC issued a regulatory timetable for the Inquiry; and
- E. The BCUC considers that an updated regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders that an updated regulatory timetable is established for the Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry, attached as Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 6th day of September 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

British Columbia Utilities Commission
Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2019)
Intervener responses to Information Requests on written evidence	Tuesday, September 10
Letter of Comment deadline	Tuesday, September 10
Input session at BC Assembly of First Nations General Assembly ¹	Wednesday, September 18 from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Intervener Final Oral Argument ²	Friday, September 27 12 th Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver from 9am to 5pm
Intervener Final Written Argument	Friday, October 4
Draft report issued for comment	Friday, November 1
Workshop – Prince George ³	Monday, November 18
Workshop – Kelowna ³	Thursday, November 21
Workshop – Vancouver ³	Wednesday, November 27
Workshop – Nanaimo ³	Thursday, November 28
Participant comments on draft report	Wednesday, December 4
Interim Report issued to Minister responsible for the <i>Hydro and Power Authority Act</i>	Tuesday, December 31
Action	Date (2020)
Final Report issued to Minister responsible for the <i>Hydro and Power Authority Act</i>	Friday, January 31

¹ The BCUC will be hosting an input session from 5:30pm to 9pm to coincide with the BC Assembly of First Nations 16th Annual General Assembly, which will take place at the River Rock Hotel (8811 River Road, Richmond, BC, V6X 3P8). Please RSVP to confirm attendance at this session by contacting Commission Secretary at commission.secretary@bcuc.com.

² The BCUC is offering all registered interveners the opportunity to provide oral final argument to the Panel. Providing an oral final argument is considered equivalent to a written final argument, and is optional. The oral final argument will be transcribed, and the transcript will be added to the Inquiry website. Intervenors must notify the BCUC at commission.secretary@bcuc.com of their intention to make an oral final argument. The BCUC will consider arrangements for providing final argument by teleconference if requested in advance. Intervenors will be heard on a first-come-first-served basis. The Panel may ask questions on an intervener's final argument, but intervenors may not ask questions of each other.

Note that the deadline for final written argument has been extended by one week to allow interveners to address any additional matters flowing from the oral final argument.

³The BCUC will be holding workshops to gather feedback on the draft report, which will be open to public attendance. The timing and further details regarding the sessions will be provided in due course.