



**ORDER NUMBER
G-216-19**

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

and

British Columbia Utilities Commission
An Inquiry into Gasoline and Diesel Prices in British Columbia

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair
D. A. Cote, Commissioner
M. E. Doehler, Commissioner

on September 10, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 21, 2019, the Lieutenant Governor in Council, by Order in Council (OIC) No. 254, requested the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to section 5(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), to conduct an inquiry respecting gasoline and diesel prices in British Columbia in accordance with the terms of reference set out in section 3 of the OIC (Inquiry);
- B. By Orders G-112-19 dated May 24, 2019 and G-161-19 dated July 23, 2019, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the Inquiry;
- C. In addition to the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedures, by Orders G-148-19 dated July 8, 2019, G-162-19 dated July 23, 2019 and G-165-19 dated July 25, 2019, the BCUC granted advanced approval of confidentiality status prior to filing commercially sensitive information and addressed other requests around confidentiality raised by interveners;
- D. On August 30, 2019, in accordance with section 3(3)(b) of OIC No. 254/2019, the BCUC issued its final report (Report) to the Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology;
- E. In section 7.7 of the Report, the Panel considered that it would be helpful to provide an avenue for participants to provide comments or questions on the Report. The comment period would give an opportunity for the Inquiry's participants to inform the Panel if there is any additional evidence relevant to the questions posed in OIC No. 254/2019 and that would inform the Report;
- F. By OIC No. 470/2019, approved and ordered on September 6, 2019, the Lieutenant Governor in Council amended section 3(3) of OIC No. 254/19 by adding the following paragraphs:

- c) the commission must receive comments from the public on the final report during a period of no more than 30 days set by the commission;
 - d) the commission must submit to the Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology a supplementary report summarizing the comments received during the period referred to in paragraph (c) and including its advice in relation to those comments no later than 30 days after the last day of that period;
- G. By letter dated September 9, 2019, the BCUC posted the aforementioned OIC on its proceeding website and informed participants of further direction to be issued with respect to the 30-day comment submission period; and
- H. The Panel considers that an amendment to the regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. An amended regulatory timetable is established, as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. The existing confidentiality provisions established by Orders G-148-19, G-162-19 and G-165-19 continue to be in effect during the period set out in OIC No. 470/2019.
3. Directive 7 of Orders G-162-19 and G-165-19 are amended as follows:

Within thirty days following the issuance of the supplementary report, all Confidential Filings shall be destroyed by the BCUC, or returned to the parties that filed them, except that the BCUC shall retain a single hard copy of each of the Confidential Filings, as required under subsection 10(1) of the UCA, in a secure manner, with a clear label indicating their confidentiality.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 10th day of September 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2019)
Preliminary intervener comments on the Report; Intent to file additional intervener evidence	Tuesday, September 17
Additional intervener evidence (if any)	Monday, September 23
Written Panel questions to interveners	Monday, September 30
Intervener written response to Panel questions	Friday, October 4
Intervener Final Submissions	Tuesday, October 8
Intervener Reply Submissions	Thursday, October 10
Public letter of comments deadline	Thursday, October 10