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ORDER NUMBER G-245-19

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Review of the Performance Based Regulation Report

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Commissioner

on October 11, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- On February 25, 2019, the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed its Fiscal 2020 to Fiscal 2021 (F2020–F2021) Revenue Requirements Application (RRA) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC);
- B. Directive 28 of the BCUC's decision on the F2017–F2019 RRA directed BC Hydro to provide a report to the BCUC that discusses, among other things, the opportunities and challenges associated with the adoption of Performance Based Regulation (PBR) at BC Hydro and a possible approach to adopting PBR (PBR Report);
- C. BC Hydro provided the PBR Report as part of its F2020–F2021 RRA along with two expert reports regarding the matter as Appendices FF and GG to the F2020–F2021 RRA;
- D. On October 11, 2019, by Order G-244-19, the panel for the F2020–F2021 RRA proceeding directed that the PBR Report will not be reviewed as part of the review of the F2020–F2021 RRA and recommended that the BCUC hold a separate proceeding to review the PBR Report and related materials; and
- E. The BCUC has considered the recommendations of the panel for the F2020–F2021 RRA proceeding. Given the importance and complexitities of this topic, the BCUC has determined that a separate proceeding to review the PBR Report and related materials is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE, the BCUC orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to section 82 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), a proceeding for the review of the PBR Report and related materials is established.

2. Pursuant to section 4 of the UCA, Commissioners David Morton, Anna Fung, Blair Lockhart and Richard Mason form the Panel to conduct the review of the PBR Report and related materials. Commissioner David Morton will serve as the Panel Chair.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11th day of October 2019.

BY ORDER

Original Signed By:

D. M. Morton Commissioner