



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**G-316-19**

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

and

British Columbia Utilities Commission  
An Inquiry into the Regulation of Municipal Energy Utilities

**BEFORE:**

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair  
C. M. Brewer, Commissioner  
W. M. Everett, QC, Commissioner  
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on December 5, 2019

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. By Order G-177-19 dated August 1, 2019, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) established an inquiry to examine the regulation of energy utilities affiliated with municipalities and regional districts in British Columbia (Inquiry) and established a regulatory timetable;
- B. On Thursday, October 24, 2019, intervenor written submissions and letters of comment were received by the BCUC, addressing whether a utility affiliated, in some way, with a municipality or regional district is considered a public utility as defined by section 1 of the UCA;
- C. The BCUC has reviewed the submissions and considers that it is now appropriate to seek submissions from intervenors on further process; and
- D. The BCUC considers that an updated regulatory timetable is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. The regulatory timetable established by Order G-177-19 is updated and attached as Appendix A to this order.
- 2. Intervenorers are to provide written submissions on further process by Thursday, January 16, 2020, including any comments on the proposed timetable, attached as Appendix B to this order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

T. A. Loski  
Commissioner

Attachment

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**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

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Action	Date (2020)
Intervener written submissions on further process <sup>1</sup>	Thursday, January 16
Further process	To be determined

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<sup>1</sup> The Panel requests that submissions address the most appropriate further process or processes. Submissions should address the regulatory timetable laid out in Appendix B to this Order. Participants are also requested to provide a proposed regulatory timetable, advise as to their periods of unavailability and include whether they intend to file evidence. The role of evidence in BCUC hearings is attached to this Order as Appendix C.

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**PROPOSED REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

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Action	Date (2020)
Intervener evidence deadline	Thursday, February 13
BCUC information requests (IRs) on intervener evidence	Thursday, March 5
Intervener IRs on intervener evidence	Thursday, March 12
Intervener response to BCUC and intervener IRs	Thursday, April 2
Further process	To be determined

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**WHAT IS INTERVENER EVIDENCE?**

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Interveners in inquiries before the BCUC may be given the opportunity to file their own evidence. This is an opportunity for interveners to potentially present a position in the matter that is being dealt with in the Inquiry. Evidence can take many forms, including witness statements (written, in person) and written documents.

If the BCUC permits interveners to present evidence, the BCUC and all other registered interveners may have an opportunity to examine the intervener evidence through information requests and/or cross-examination.

If interveners file evidence in the Inquiry, the BCUC may provide the other interveners with the opportunity to file evidence to rebut the intervener evidence. The rebuttal evidence may also be subject to information requests and/or cross examination.