



ORDER NUMBER
G-56-20

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 March 17, 2020

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, intervener 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 *Utilities Commission Act*;
- C. By Order G-316-19 dated December 5, 2019, the BCUC amended the regulatory timetable and asked for written submissions from interveners on further process;
- D. On Thursday, January 16, 2020, intervener submissions on further process were received by the BCUC;
- E. By Order G-14-20 dated January 28, 2020, the BCUC amended the regulatory timetable, which included one round of information requests; and
- F. In light of recent developments regarding COVID-19, concerns raised by interveners taking part in the Inquiry, and recommendations by British Columbian and Canadian health authorities, the panel considers the following action to be warranted.

1. **NOW THEREFORE** the BCUC orders that the Inquiry is adjourned and the regulatory timetable, as set out in Order G-14-20, is suspended from the date of this order until further notice.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 17th day of March 2020.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski
Commissioner