



ORDER NUMBER
G-160-20

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

and

Catalyst Paper Corporation
Request to Reduce Rate Schedule 1893 Baselines

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on June 18, 2020

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 21, 2020, pursuant to sections 58 to 61, 89 and 90 of the *Utilities Commission Act* and section 15 of the *Administrative Tribunals Act*, Catalyst Paper Corporation (Catalyst) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) a request to reduce Rate Schedule (RS) 1893 Baselines at Catalyst (Application);
- B. In the Application, Catalyst seeks BCUC approval for adjustments to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) RS 1893 customer High Load Hours (HLH) baseline, Low Load Hours (LLH) baseline and Monthly Reference Demand (Demand) at Crofton and Port Alberni sites for the June to August 2020 billing periods;
- C. Catalyst submits that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a reduction in demand for pulp and paper and as a result, Catalyst has had to curtail production at its facilities resulting in electricity consumption much lower than its HLH and LLH baselines. An interim adjustment to its baselines and Demand would allow it adequate time to realize new market opportunities;
- D. By Order G-129-20A dated June 10, 2020, the BCUC approved adjustments to Catalyst's HLH baseline, LLH baseline and Demand on an interim and refundable basis and established a regulatory timetable for review of the Application;
- E. On June 9, 2020 the BCUC received a letter of comment from BC Hydro requesting that it be granted intervener status and the opportunity to submit evidence and argument in the public hearing;
- F. By Order G-152-20 dated June 12, 2020, the BCUC amended the regulatory timetable to allow for intervener registration, one round of BCUC information requests and further process to be determined;
- G. On June 12, 2020, Catalyst filed a submission with the BCUC seeking to amend the regulatory timetable set out in Appendix A to Order G-152-20;

- H. The Panel seeks written submissions from interveners on Catalyst's request to amend the regulatory timetable in Appendix A to Order G-152-20; and
- I. The BCUC considers that an amendment to the regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. The regulatory timetable is amended as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. Any intervener wishing to submit comments on the regulatory timetable and process outlined in Appendix A to Order G-152-20 should provide its submission to the BCUC in writing by Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 18th day of June 2020.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2020)
Intervener Registration	Tuesday, June 23
Intervener Comments on Regulatory Timetable	Tuesday, June 23
BCUC Information Request (IR) No.1 to Catalyst Paper Corporation (Catalyst)	Thursday, July 2
Intervener IR No.1 to Catalyst	Thursday, July 16
Catalyst response to BCUC and Intervener IR No.1	Thursday, July 23
Further process	To be determined