



ORDER NUMBER
G-179-20

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Transmission Service Market Reference-Priced Rates Application

BEFORE:

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair
A. K. Fung, QC, Commissioner
E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner

on July 7, 2020

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 31, 2019, the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) seeking approval of an amended Freshet Rate (Rate Schedule 1892) and approval of a new optional rate, the Incremental Energy Rate (IER, Rate Schedule 1893), pursuant to sections 58 to 60 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (Application);
- B. The IER is offered on a non-firm, interruptible and year-round basis for electricity usage above normal firm transmission service baseline amounts and is available as a pilot commencing January 1, 2020 until March 31, 2024;
- C. By Order G-300-19 dated November 26, 2019, the BCUC approved the IER effective January 1, 2020 on an interim and non-refundable basis as requested by BC Hydro, until further BCUC order;
- D. By Order G-327-19 dated December 12, 2019, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application;
- E. By letter dated March 2, 2020 (Exhibit A-5) and Order G-49-20 dated March 12, 2020, the BCUC bifurcated the review process of the Application to first address the Freshet Rate component, with further process on the balance of the Application to be determined;
- F. By Order G-104-20 dated May 1, 2020, the BCUC approved Rate Schedule 1892 on a permanent basis;
- G. By Order G-111-20 dated May 12, 2020, the BCUC amended the regulatory timetable for the review of the IER component of the Application, which included one round of information requests and written final arguments;

- H. By Order G-136-20 dated June 3, 2020, the BCUC approved BC Hydro's extension request to file responses to information requests (IR) and amended the regulatory timetable;
- I. By July 6, 2020, the BCUC received final arguments from BC Hydro and interveners on the IER component of the Application; and
- J. The Panel has reviewed the information on the evidentiary record and considers that reopening the evidentiary record of this proceeding is warranted to accommodate Panel IRs, responses to Panel IRs, intervener final arguments on the response to Panel IRs and BC Hydro reply argument.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC establishes an amended regulatory timetable as set out in Appendix A of this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of July 2020.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2020)
Panel IR No. 1	Friday, July 10
BC Hydro responses to Panel IR No. 1	Friday, July 17
Intervener supplementary Final Argument (if any)*	Friday, July 24
BC Hydro Reply Argument	Friday, July 31

*The scope of the interveners' supplementary final arguments, if any, should be limited to matters related to the responses to Panel IR No. 1.