



**ORDER NUMBER
G-34-21**

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

and

British Columbia Utilities Commission
Inquiry into the Regulation of Safety

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair
C. Brewer, Commissioner
R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on January 29, 2021

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. By Order G-241-20, dated September 23, 2020, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) established an inquiry to examine the role of the BCUC in the regulation of safety (Inquiry) and established a regulatory timetable, which included written submissions and letters of comment, with further process to be determined;
- B. On November 12, 2020, the BCUC received intervenor written submissions and letters of comment, addressing the BCUC's jurisdiction with respect to the regulation of safety, legislative gaps or overlaps, and whether a workshop in support of the Inquiry would be beneficial;
- C. By letter dated December 17, 2020, the BCUC requested submissions from stakeholders and participants on whether the scope of the Inquiry should include the regulation of safety for the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC);
- D. By Order G-342-20, dated December 18, 2020, the BCUC established a further regulatory timetable for the Inquiry, which included the proposed scope for the Inquiry and a web-based procedural conference;
- E. The procedural conference took place on January 27, 2021. The following intervenors attended the procedural conference and made submissions: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority; British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et. al.*; Commercial Energy Consumers Association of BC; Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc.; Don Flintoff; FortisBC Energy Inc.; FortisBC Inc.; Kyuquot Power Ltd.; Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.; Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.; River District Energy; Surplus Energy Match; TE Burns Engineering Ltd. (Ka:yu:'k't'h' / Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations); and Technical Safety BC;
- F. The BCUC has considered the submissions made by intervenors at the procedural conference and determines that the Inquiry shall be conducted in two stages. Stage 1 will establish a general framework of

key principles for the BCUC's regulation of safety. Stage 2 will explore the application of a framework to the BCUC's regulation of public utilities and how the BCUC will implement its mandate with regards to safety; and

G. The BCUC finds that establishing a further regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC establishes the regulatory timetable, as set out in Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 29th day of January 2021.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2021)	
BCUC issues Proposed Stage 1 Sub Issues	Thursday, March 25	
Intervener Submissions on Proposed Stage 1 Sub Issues	Thursday, April 29	
Intervener Reply Submissions on Proposed Stage 1 Sub Issues	Thursday, June 3	
BCUC issues Final Stage 1 Sub Issues	Thursday, July 8	
Intervener Evidence Addressing Stage 1 (if any)	Thursday, September 16	
	With Intervener Evidence	Without Intervener Evidence
BCUC Information Requests (IRs) on Intervener evidence	Thursday, October 7	N/A
Intervener IRs on Intervener evidence	Thursday, October 14	N/A
Responses to BCUC and Intervener IRs	Wednesday, November 10	N/A
Intervener Final Argument	Wednesday, December 8	Thursday, October 7
Intervener Reply Argument	Wednesday, December 22	Thursday, October 28
Stage 1 Draft Report issued for Comment	To be determined	To be determined