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ORDER NUMBER G-194-21

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

and

Oakridge Energy LP/GP Inc. Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for a District Energy System

BEFORE:

R. I. Mason, Panel Chair E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner T. A. Loski, Commissioner

on June 24, 2021

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 1, 2021, Oakridge Energy LP/GP Inc. (Oakridge Energy) submitted an application to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the Utilities Commission Act seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct and operate a District Energy System (DES) for the provision of thermal energy service to the Oakridge Centre Redevelopment project in Vancouver, B.C. (Application);
- B. Oakridge Energy is a Limited Partnership of entities within the Corix Group of Companies and the Creative Energy group, established to meet the thermal energy needs of the Oakridge Centre Redevelopment project;
- C. The proposed DES has been designed as a low-carbon energy system that provides thermal energy through a combination of multiple heating and cooling energy sources, including a closed loop Geo-Exchange field, a waste heat recovery system, electric boilers, electric chillers, and natural gas boilers; and
- D. The BCUC considers establishing a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A written public hearing process is established for the review of the Application in accordance with the regulatory timetable, as set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 2. Oakridge Energy is directed, as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than Tuesday, July 13, 2021, to:
 - a. provide an electronic copy of the Application and this order to all known affected or potentially affected parties, including:
 - i. the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations;
 - ii. all attendees of Oakridge Energy's virtual stakeholder meeting, held on August 17, 2020 and the virtual public open houses, held on August 17 and 26, 2020;
 - iii. all known parties that have purchased units at the Oakridge Centre Redevelopment and all known future tenants of the Oakridge Centre Redevelopment; and
 - iv. all known future customers of Oakridge Energy's DES;
 - b. provide an electronic copy of the Application and this order to all parties participating in:
 - i. BCUC's Review of Thermal Energy Systems Regulatory Framework Guidelines proceeding;
 - ii. Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc.'s (CEVP) 2021 Revenue Requirements Application for its Core Stream System proceeding; and
 - iii. Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc.'s (Corix) Application for Approval of a Corporate Cost Allocation Methodology proceeding; and
 - c. post a copy of this order, the Public Notice attached as Appendix B to this order and the Application on Oakridge Energy's, CEVP's and Corix's website and all social media channels. Weekly reminder notices on each platform must be published until the conclusion of the intervener registration period on Tuesday August 3, 2021.
- In accordance with <u>BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>, parties who wish to actively participate in this proceeding, must submit the <u>Request to Intervene Form</u>, available on the BCUC's website at <u>https://www.bcuc.com/get-involved/get-involved-proceeding.html</u>, by Tuesday, August 3, 2021, as established in the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of June 2021.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason Commissioner

Attachment

Oakridge Energy LP/GP Inc.

Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for a District Energy System

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2021)
Oakridge Energy to file further information	Thursday, July 8
Oakridge Energy to provide notice of the Application	Tuesday, July 13
Intervener registration deadline	Tuesday, August 3
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to Oakridge Energy	Tuesday, August 3
Intervener IR No. 1 to Oakridge Energy	Tuesday, August 10
Oakridge Energy responses to BCUC and Intervener IRs No. 1	Tuesday, September 7
Further Process	To be determined



We want to hear from you

OAKRIDGE ENERGY'S APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A DISTRICT ENERGY SYSTEM AT THE OAKRIDGE CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

On June 1, 2021, Oakridge Energy LP/GP Inc. filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a District Energy System (DES) for the provision of thermal energy service to the Oakridge Centre Redevelopment project in Vancouver, B.C. The proposed DES has been designed as a low-carbon energy system that provides thermal energy through a combination of multiple heating and cooling energy sources, including a closed loop Geo-Exchange field, a waste heat recovery system, electric boilers, electric chillers, and natural gas boilers.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Submit a letter of comment
- Register as an interested party
- Request intervener status

IMPORTANT DATES

1. **Tuesday, August 3, 2021** – Deadline to register as an intervener with the BCUC

For more information about the Application, please visit the <u>Proceeding Webpage</u> on bcuc.com under "Regulatory Activities – Current Proceedings." To learn more about getting involved, please visit our website at <u>www.bcuc.com/get-involved</u> or contact us at the information below.

GET MORE INFORMATION

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