



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**G-340-21**

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

and

Nelson Hydro  
2022 Revenue Requirement Application

**BEFORE:**

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair  
A. C. Dennier, Commissioner  
A. Pape-Salmon, Commissioner

on November 19, 2021

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On November 1, 2021, Nelson Hydro filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of a general annual rate increase of 2.5 percent for the Rural service area (Application), effective on January 1, 2022, pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA);
- B. Nelson Hydro is owned and operated by the City of Nelson and is excluded from regulation under the UCA to the extent it is serving customers within its municipal boundaries. Accordingly, the BCUC's review of the Application pertains solely to Nelson Hydro's non-municipal, or rural, ratepayers;
- C. In the Application, Nelson Hydro submits that the proposed percentage rate increase is based on forecast costs for the utility as a whole and that no rate differential between the Urban and Rural service areas is being sought as part of this Application; and
- D. The BCUC has commenced review of the Application and considers that establishing a regulatory timetable is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A public hearing for the review of the Application is established, as set out in the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this order.
- 2. Nelson Hydro is directed to, by December 16, 2021:
  - a. Provide notice of the Application and this order to all non-municipal ratepayers and to all registered interveners who participated in the Nelson Hydro 2019 Rural Rate Application;

- b. Post a copy of this order, including the Public Notice, on its website; and
  - c. Publish the Public Notice attached as Appendix B to this order, in display-ad format, in the appropriate local news publications and on its existing social media platforms, as applicable, to provide adequate notice to the public.
3. In accordance with BCUC's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#), any party wishing to provide comments is invited to submit a letter of comment by Thursday January 27, 2022. Letters of comment must be in the Letter of Comment Form available on the BCUC's website at <https://www.bcuc.com/Forms/LetterOfComment>

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

T. A. Loski  
Commissioner

Attachment

Nelson Hydro  
2022 Revenue Requirement Application

**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

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Action	Date (2021/2022)
Nelson Hydro public notice of Application	Thursday, December 16
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1	Wednesday, December 22
Nelson Hydro response to BCUC IR No. 1	Thursday, January 20
Letters of comment on Nelson Hydro's Application to the BCUC	Thursday, January 27
Nelson Hydro reply comments, if applicable	Thursday, February 3
Further Process	To be determined



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British Columbia  
Utilities Commission

# We want to hear from you

## NELSON HYDRO 2022 RATES APPLICATION

On November 1, 2021, Nelson Hydro filed a Revenue Requirements (Rates) Application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) seeking approval of a general rate increase of its electricity rates by 2.5 percent for its Rural service area, effective January 1, 2022.

While the requested rate increase will be applied uniformly to all ratepayers receiving service both inside and outside the City of Nelson's municipal boundaries, the BCUC only has jurisdiction to review the Application related to Nelson Hydro's non-municipal or Rural service area.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- **Submit a Letter of Comment**

### IMPORTANT DATES

1. **Thursday, January 27, 2022**  
Deadline to submit a Letter of Comment to the BCUC to share your views, opinions, and insights on the Application.

For more information about the Application, please visit the [Proceeding Webpage](https://www.bcuc.com/GetInvolved/GetInvolvedProceeding) on bcuc.com under "Our Work – Proceedings". To learn more about getting involved, please visit our website at <https://www.bcuc.com/GetInvolved/GetInvolvedProceeding> or contact us at the information below.

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