



ORDER NUMBER
G-60-22A

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application for Orders regarding the Peace to Kelly Lake Stations Sustainment Project

BEFORE:

E. B. Lockhart, Panel Chair
T. A. Loski, Commissioner
A. Pape-Salmon, Commissioner

on March 14, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On January 25, 2022, the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to section 44.2(1)(b) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), for acceptance of a schedule of capital expenditures that BC Hydro anticipates making in respect of the Peace to Kelly Lake Stations Sustainment Project (Project) and seeking, pursuant to section 44.2(3) of the UCA, BCUC acceptance of the expenditure schedule as being in the public interest (Application);
- B. The Project consists of the replacement of equipment and buildings at existing stations on the Peace to Kelly Lake portion of BC Hydro's transmission system;
- C. BC Hydro requests that certain information in the Application be held confidential in accordance with Part IV of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure on the basis that the information is commercially sensitive in nature and that significant harm or prejudice to BC Hydro's competitive or negotiating position is reasonably expected to result if the information was made public; and
- D. The BCUC has commenced review of the Application and considers that the establishment of a public hearing and a regulatory timetable are warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A public hearing is established for the review of the Application in accordance with the regulatory timetable as set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 2. BC Hydro is to publish the Public Notice, attached as Appendix B to this order, in print/display-ad format in appropriate news publications, such as but not limited to, local and community papers in the vicinity of the locations where the Project is proposed to take place, to provide adequate notice to those parties who may

have an interest in or be affected by the Application, as soon as reasonably practical, but no later than March 24, 2022.

3. BC Hydro must publish notice of the Public Notice on its Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook social media platforms on or before March 24, 2022 and must publish weekly reminder notices on each of these platforms until the conclusion of the intervener registration period on April 7, 2022.
4. BC Hydro must provide an electronic copy of the Application and this order to all affected parties and potentially affected parties by no later than Tuesday, March 24, 2022. This includes, but is not limited to, registered interveners in the BC Hydro Fiscal 2023 to 2025 Revenue Requirements proceeding, local and regional governments referred to in Chapter 5 of the Application, property owners neighbouring existing stations on the Peace to Kelly Lake portion of the transmission system, the First Nations and First Nation organizations referred to in Chapter 5 of the Application and all other potentially affected Indigenous peoples.
5. BC Hydro must provide confirmation to the BCUC when the public notice has been posted, including a list of the publications (paper and digital) in which the notice was posted.
6. Parties who wish to participate in the proceeding may submit a letter of comment, register as an interested party or request intervener status. Parties requesting intervener status must complete a [Request to Intervene Form](#), by April 7, 2022, as established in the regulatory timetable and in accordance with the BCUC's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#).
7. The BCUC accepts BC Hydro's confidentiality requests, as filed, unless determined otherwise by the BCUC.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of March 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

E. B. Lockhart
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2022)
BC Hydro to publish Notice of Application	Thursday, March 24
Intervener registration deadline	Thursday, April 7
BCUC information request (IR) No. 1 to BC Hydro	Thursday, April 14
Intervener IR No. 1 to BC Hydro	Thursday, April 21
BC Hydro responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, May 12
Further process	To be determined



We want to hear from you

BC HYDRO'S APPLICATION FOR THE PEACE TO KELLY LAKE SUSTAINMENT PROJECT

On January 25, 2022, the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), for acceptance of capital expenditures that BC Hydro anticipates making in respect of the Peace to Kelly Lake Stations Sustainment Project (Project).

The Project consists of the replacement of equipment and buildings at existing stations on the Peace to Kelly Lake portion of the transmission system. BC Hydro notes that this Project is needed to ensure the continued reliability of this portion of the transmission system, which connects BC Hydro generating facilities in the Peace Region of northeastern British Columbia to the Kelly Lake Substation in the Kelly Lake/Nicola region.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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

IMPORTANT DATES

1. **Thursday, April 7, 2022** – Deadline to register as an intervener with the BCUC
2. **Thursday, April 21, 2022** – Deadline for intervener information request No. 1 to BC Hydro

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

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