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## ORDER NUMBER G-244-22

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

and

APT Utility Corp Status as a Public Utility

### **BEFORE:**

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

on August 25, 2022

### **ORDER**

### **WHEREAS:**

- A. By email on September 9, 2021, a complaint was filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) concerning, amongst other things, electricity charges offered by APT Utility Corp (APT) at Holly Lodge (HL) in Vancouver and whether APT had been approved to resell electricity (Complaint);
- B. On January 21, 2022, by Order G-16-22, the BCUC suspended the Complaint pending the outcome of a proceeding to determine if APT is a public utility;
- C. On August 16, 2022, by Order G-228-22, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable to conduct the review of APT's status as a public utility which provided, among other things, that APT provide Public Notice of the proceeding to the residents of Holly Lodge, the Residential Tenancy Branch, and all other APT customers;
- D. By letter dated August 23, 2022, APT requested revisions to the Public Notice and an extension to the deadline for APT's responses to Information Request No. 1; and
- E. The BCUC has considered APT's request and determines that an amendment to the Public Notice and to the regulatory timetable is warranted.

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

- 1. The regulatory timetable established by Order G-228-22 is amended as set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 2. The Public Notice established by Order G-228-22 is amended as set out in Appendix B to this order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.

**BY ORDER** 

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan Commissioner

Attachment

# APT Utility Corp Status as a Public Utility

# **REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

Action	Date (2022)
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to APT	Thursday, August 25
APT to provide Public Notice	Thursday, September 1
APT to provide a list of all parties notified	Tuesday, September 6
APT response to IR No. 1	Thursday, September 15
Deadline to submit Letters of Comment	Thursday, September 22
APT response to Letters of Comment	Thursday September 29
Further process	To be determined



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# Investigation into APT Utility Corp's Status as a Public Utility

The British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) has launched an investigation into APT Utility Corp's (APT) status as a public utility. APT was established by the owner of the Holly Lodge building in Vancouver, BC, to provide electricity and gas utilities to some tenants in Holly Lodge.

In September 2021, the BCUC received a complaint from a Holly Lodge resident about APT's billing practices and other matters. Following its review of the complaint as well as response submissions from APT, the BCUC initiated an open and transparent public hearing to determine whether APT is operating as a public utility.

### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

- Submit a letter of comment
- Register as an interested party

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

 Thursday, September 22, 2022 – Deadline to submit a Letter of Comment with the BCUC

For more information about the Application, please visit the <u>Proceeding Webpage</u> on bcuc.com under "Our Work – 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.

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