



ORDER NUMBER
G-298-22A

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Rate Schedule 1893 – Transmission Service Incremental
Energy Rate Alternative Baselines Application 2022

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Commissioner
A. Pape-Salmon, Commissioner

on October 19, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 5, 2022, the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to sections 58 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), an application for approval of alternative Rate Schedule (RS) 1893 Baselines for its Transmission Service Rate (TSR) customer, Catalyst Paper Corp. (Catalyst) (the Application);
- B. In the Application, BC Hydro seeks BCUC approval for alternative High Load Hours (HLH) Baselines, Low Load Hours (LLH) Baselines and Monthly Reference Demands Baselines (collectively, RS 1893 Baselines) at Catalyst's Crofton site;
- C. BC Hydro submits that Catalyst's RS 1893 Baselines were initially determined using fiscal year 2019 electricity consumption;
- D. On June 1, 2021, by Order G-171-21A, the BCUC approved alternative RS 1893 Baselines for Catalyst's Crofton site for fiscal 2021 using consumption data adjusted for verified Customer Baseline Load (CBL) related events;
- E. In the Application, BC Hydro states that due to a change in product mix and the curtailment of the Turbogenerator generation at Crofton, Catalyst's currently approved RS 1893 Baselines are not representative of normal expected RS 1893 electricity use in F2023. Pursuant to RS 1893, Special Condition 8, alternative Baselines are subject to final approval by the BCUC;
- F. Catalyst is in agreement with BC Hydro that its existing fiscal 2021 RS 1893 Baselines for its Crofton site should be adjusted to reflect expected normal site operations;
- G. Pursuant to RS 1893, Special Condition 9, BC Hydro will file with the BCUC adjustments to RS 1893 Baselines consistent with the principles and criteria set out in BC Hydro's Tariff Supplement No. 74 (TS 74);

- H. Pursuant to RS 1893, Special Condition 10, subject to direction from the BCUC, BC Hydro will use RS 1893 Baselines filed in accordance with Special Conditions 8 and 9 for the purposes of applying RS 1893 and RS 1823 or RS 1828, as applicable;
- I. Pursuant to TS 74, CBL Determination Guidelines, all CBLs are subject to final approval by the BCUC;
- J. BC Hydro requests that Appendix C of the Application be held in confidence as it contains commercially sensitive information; and
- K. The BCUC has reviewed the Application and considers that approval is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the UCA, the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. The alternative RS 1893 Baselines, as contained in Appendix C of the Application, are approved effective September 1, 2022.
- 2. The BCUC will hold confidential Appendix C of the Application as it contains commercially sensitive information.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 31st day of October 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan
Commissioner