



ORDER NUMBER
G-313-22

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application for Orders regarding the John Hart Dam Seismic Upgrade Project

BEFORE:

W. M. Everett KC, Panel Chair
E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner
A. Pape-Salmon, Commissioner

on November 3, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 20, 2021, 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), including a schedule of statement of capital expenditures BC Hydro has made or anticipates making during the period addressed by the schedule for implementation of the John Hart Dam Seismic Upgrade 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 is located at the existing John Hart Dam and Reservoir and John Hart Generating Station (John Hart Facility) on the Campbell River within the City of Campbell River boundaries on Vancouver Island. BC Hydro submits the proposed statement of capital expenditures will address deficiencies in the John Hart Facility related to its resistance to earthquake loading and operational reliability of its Spillway Gates Systems, and vulnerability to potential flow imbalance between the John Hart Dam and the upstream facility at Ladore Dam that could lead to the overtopping of the John Hart Dam;
- C. By Order G-17-22, dated January 24, 2022, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for a review of the Application. The regulatory timetable was subsequently amended by Orders G-110-22 dated April 26, 2022, G-160-22 dated June 13, 2022, G-218-22 dated August 9, 2022 and G-277-22 dated October 5, 2022;
- D. The Application refers to Appendix G, the John Hart Facility Asset Plan – 2021 (the Facility Asset Plan), however, BC Hydro did not include the Facility Asset Plan in the Application and explained that it was in the final stages of review. BC Hydro provided a copy of the Facility Asset Plan as Attachment 1 in BCUC IR2.47.1.
- E. By letter dated July 27, 2022, BC Hydro gave notice of its intention to file a Project Cost Estimate update and submitted that it would support a third round of Information Requests, limited to a review of the updated Project Cost Estimate;

- F. On October 25, 2022, BC Hydro filed the updated Project Cost Estimate with the BCUC; and
- G. The BCUC has commenced its review of the updated Project Cost Estimate and determines that an amendment to the regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders that the regulatory timetable is amended as set out in Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of November 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

W. M. Everett KC
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2022)
BCUC and Intervener Information Request (IR) No. 3 to BC Hydro (Scope of IR No. 3 to be limited to a review of Appendix G in the Application and the updated Project Cost Estimate)	Thursday, November 24
BC Hydro Responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 3	Thursday, December 15
Action	Date (2023)
BC Hydro Final Argument	Thursday, January 12
Interveners Final Argument	Wednesday, January 25
BC Hydro Reply Argument	Tuesday, February 7