



**ORDER NUMBER
R-35-22**

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

and

British Columbia Utilities Commission
Mandatory Reliability Standards Planning Coordinator Function Registration
and Planning Coordinator Issues

BEFORE:

A. K. Fung, KC, Panel Chair
C. M. Brewer, Commissioner
W. M. Everett, KC, Commissioner

on November 3, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. By Order R-8-22 dated March 14, 2022, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) established a regulatory timetable for a proceeding to review the Planning Coordinator (PC) Function Registration and Planning Coordinator Issues brought forward by the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) and interveners registered in the currently adjourned Assessment Report Proceeding for Reliability Standards applicable to the PC function (PC Assessment Report Proceeding);
- B. On May 31, 2021, BC Hydro submitted to the BCUC, in the PC Assessment Report Proceeding, a Mandatory Reliability Standards (MRS) Planning Coordinator Assessment Report (PC Assessment Report).
- C. On June 25, 2021, BC Hydro filed, in the PC Assessment Report Proceeding, its proposed implementation approach (Implementation Approach) providing information regarding its anticipated timing to register as a PC for its own Bulk Power Electric System assets only and to engage other entities registered in the British Columbia Mandatory Reliability Standard (MRS) Program (Entities) that are interconnected to the BC Hydro system on the potential for BC Hydro to provide PC service to those Entities;
- D. BC Hydro made a submission, in the PC Assessment Report Proceeding, recommending the PC Assessment Report Proceeding be adjourned and a new proceeding be established to address whether a single-PC model or multi-PC model is desirable in the province and to identify the appropriate Entity or Entities to register as PC(s) (PC Issues). Intervenors in the PC Assessment Report Proceeding agreed that the BCUC should suspend the proceeding to review the PC Assessment Report and establish a new proceeding to address the PC Issues;
- E. By Order R-4-22 dated January 26, 2022, the BCUC adjourned the PC Assessment Report Proceeding and recommended the initiation of this separate proceeding to review the PC Function Registration and PC Issues;

- F. FortisBC Inc. (FBC), BC Hydro, Movement of United Professionals (MOVEUP), Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC), Residential Consumer Intervener Association (RCIA) and Cape Scott Wind LP (CSWLP) have registered as interveners (collectively Interveners) in this proceeding to review the PC Function Registration and PC Issues;
- G. On April 28, 2022, the BCUC issued a letter to Interveners amending the regulatory timetable established by Order R-8-22 and requesting written submissions regarding the Transmission Planner mapping exercise (Transmission Planner Mapping), among other things (Intervener Request). On May 19, 2022, each of FBC, BC Hydro, CEC and RCIA filed responses to the Intervener Request (Intervener Submissions);
- H. On June 27, 2022, Interveners filed replies to the initial Intervener Submissions. The Interveners agreed that the Transmission Planner Mapping should occur prior to addressing the PC Issues;
- I. On July 8, 2022, BC Hydro submitted a letter stating that it has rejected 15 Entities that have mapped to BC Hydro as a Transmission Planner;
- J. On July 15, 2022, WECC submitted the results of the Transmission Planner Mapping in a report to the BCUC (TP Report). The TP Report identifies gaps with Entities' having no functional relationships to a registered Transmission Planner, specifically with BC Hydro, which could result in failure to coordinate and exchange planning information as specified in the adopted Reliability Standards;
- K. By Order R-23-22 dated July 29, 2022, the BCUC amended the regulatory timetable to include one round of information requests to WECC and Interveners. On October 3, 2022 WECC and Interveners filed their responses;
- L. By Order R-33-22 dated October 18, 2022, the BCUC established a further regulatory timetable for BC Hydro written submissions on Directive 1 of the order, Intervener response to BC Hydro written submissions and BC Hydro reply to Intervener response;
- M. On November 2, 2022 BC Hydro filed an extension request to submit its written submissions by Thursday, November 10, 2022 because it requires more time to complete its response (Extension Request); and
- N. The BCUC has reviewed the Extension Request and determines that an amended regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders the regulatory timetable 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:

A. K. Fung, KC
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2022)
BC Hydro written submissions	Thursday, November 10
Intervener response to BC Hydro written submissions	Thursday, November 24
BC Hydro reply to Intervener submissions	Thursday, December 8
Further process	To be determined