



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**G-323-22**

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

and

River District Energy Limited Partnership  
Application for Approval for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Construct and Operate  
the Second Phase of the District Energy Utility System for the River District Development

**BEFORE:**

E. B. Lockhart, Panel Chair  
C. M. Brewer, Commissioner  
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on November 8, 2022

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On June 30, 2022, River District Energy Limited Partnership (RDE) submitted an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct and operate the second phase of the District Energy Utility System (DEU) for the River District Development (River District) (River District DEU), pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) (Application);
- B. On December 19, 2011, pursuant to Order C-14-11, RDE was granted a CPCN to construct and operate temporary and permanent natural gas fuelled energy centres and related thermal distribution piping system and energy transfer stations. The construction of the permanent energy centre and the planned build out of the River District DEU was postponed due to the slower than anticipated build out of River District;
- C. In the Application, RDE seeks approval to construct a new permanent Community Energy Centre (CEC) that will use thermal energy generated from waste heat produced at Metro Vancouver's Waste-to-Energy Facility (WTEF) in Burnaby, and delivered to RDE by pipeline through a closed loop hot water system. RDE's residual energy needs will be met with natural gas-fired hot water boilers located in the CEC. The proposed facilities also include the buildout of RDE's thermal energy distribution piping system to connect the remaining development sites within River District;
- D. By Order G-234-22, dated August 17, 2022, the BCUC established a public hearing process and regulatory timetable for review of the Application, which consisted of public notice, intervener registration, BCUC and intervener information requests (IRs) No. 1, RDE responses to IRs No. 1 and submissions on further process;
- E. By letter dated August 24, 2022, the BCUC requested that RDE provide further information on the Application;

- F. On September 2, 2022, RDE filed further information on the Application;
- G. On October 25, 2022, RDE filed responses to BCUC and intervener IRs No. 1;
- H. On October 31, 2022, interveners filed submissions on further process. On November 1, 2022, RDE provided its submission on further process; and
- I. The BCUC has reviewed RDE's IR No. 1 responses and the submissions on further process and determines that a further regulatory timetable is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** the BCUC establishes a further regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, as set out in Appendix A to this order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

E. B. Lockhart  
Commissioner

Attachment

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**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

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Action		Date (2022)	
BCUC and Intervener Information Request (IR) No. 2 to RDE		Thursday, December 1	
Action		Date (2023)	
RDE Responses to BCUC and Intervener IRs No. 2		Wednesday, January 11	
Further Process		To be determined	