



ORDER NUMBER
G-353-22

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

and

British Columbia Utilities Commission Inquiry into the Acquisition of Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)
by Public Utilities in British Columbia – Phase 2

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair
D. A. Cote, Commissioner
R. I. Mason, Commissioner
A. Pape-Salmon, Commissioner

on December 6, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. By letter dated December 22, 2021, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) established an Inquiry into the Acquisition of Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) by Public Utilities in British Columbia (Inquiry) and invited parties to provide submissions as laid out in the letter;
- B. On July 28, 2022, the BCUC issued Order G-212-22 with Reasons for Decision and issued a blackline and clean version of the Phase 1 Report;
- C. By Order G-213-22, dated July 28, 2022, the BCUC established Phase 2 of the Inquiry and issued a regulatory timetable which included, among other things, intervenor registration, intervenor submissions on specific questions and topics sought in the Phase 1 Report, reply submissions, intervenor evidence, and BCUC and intervenor information requests (IR No. 1) on evidence;
- D. By September 1, 2022, B.C. Sustainable Energy Association, Movement of United Professionals, Direct Energy, GNAR Inc., Pacific Northern Gas Ltd., British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al (BCOAPO), NEWT Energy Inc., Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC), Residential Consumer Intervention Association (RCIA) and FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) registered as intervenors in Phase 2 of the Inquiry;
- E. By Order G-258-22, dated September 15, 2022, the BCUC amended the regulatory timetable to allow additional time to file submissions, as requested by BCOAPO and FEI;
- F. On October 4, 2022, the BCUC notified registered intervenors of BCUC staff's intention to file evidence and by Order G-276-22, further amended the regulatory timetable to provide additional time to file evidence, as requested by RCIA;

- G. By October 12, 2022, RCIA and CEC filed evidence;
- H. On November 7, 2022, RCIA requested a 2-week extension to the date to file responses to BCUC and intervener IR No. 1 on evidence which was granted by Order G-322-22;
- I. On November 18, 2022, a letter of comment was filed by staff from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (MEMLCI). Subsequent letters of comment were filed by Vancouver Airport Authority, Metro Vancouver staff and Advanced Biofuels Canada;
- J. In response to MEMLCI's letter of comment, on December 1, 2022, FEI requested that the BCUC adjourn the Inquiry (Adjournment Request); and
- K. The BCUC has reviewed the submissions and evidence filed to date and determines that an amendment to the regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders the regulatory timetable established by Order G-322-22 is amended as set out in Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 6th day of December 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date
Submissions on FEI's Adjournment Request and Further Process	Tuesday, December 13
FEI Reply submission	Wednesday, December 21
Further process	To be determined