



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**G-376-22**

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
Complaint filed by Gitga'at First Nation regarding Remote Community Electrification Program Fees

**BEFORE:**

C. M. Brewer, Panel Chair  
A. K. Fung, KC, Commissioner  
T. A. Loski, Commissioner

on December 19, 2022

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On April 5, 2022, Gitga'at First Nation (GFN) filed a complaint with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) concerning charges billed by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) (Complaint);
- B. In the Complaint, GFN details that it is a remote community to which BC Hydro extended electrical service under the Province of British Columbia's Remote Community Electrification (RCE) Program, and that in addition to paying Zone II rates as set out in BC Hydro's Electric Tariff, GFN has been charged an annual charge of approximately \$85,000 in relation to an Electricity Service Agreement with BC Hydro, dated 2014 (Electricity Servicing Charge). GFN submits that the Electricity Servicing Charge violates section 63 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, as it is a term or condition of service that was not reviewed and approved by the BCUC;
- C. By Order G-272-22 dated September 29, 2022, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the review of the Complaint. The regulatory timetable was subsequently amended by Order G-350-22, dated December 5, 2022;
- D. By letter dated December 16, 2022, BC Hydro requested an extension to the deadline for filing its response to BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 (Extension Request);
- E. In the letter, BC Hydro also requested further amendments to the regulatory timetable, including new dates for the filing of GFN and Intervener IRs to BC Hydro, BC Hydro's responses to those IRs, and BCUC IRs to GFN, as well as an opportunity for BC Hydro to submit IRs to GFN (Additional Request); and
- F. The BCUC has reviewed BC Hydro's requests and the reasons provided and considers that approval of BC Hydro's Extension Request and a written submission process regarding the Additional Request are warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** the BCUC orders that the regulatory timetable established by Order G-350-22 is further amended, as set out in Appendix A to this order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

C. M. Brewer  
Commissioner

Attachment

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**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

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Action	Date (2022)
Intervener registration	Thursday, December 29

Action	Date (2023)
GFN Written Submission	Thursday, January 5
BC Hydro Reply Submission	Thursday, January 12
BC Hydro response to BCUC IR No. 1	Thursday, January 12
Further Process	To be determined