



ORDER NUMBER
G-381-22

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

and

British Columbia Utilities Commission Inquiry into the Regulation of Safety

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair
C. M. Brewer, Commissioner
R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on December 22, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. By Order G-241-20 dated September 23, 2020, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) established an inquiry to examine the role of the BCUC in the regulation of safety (Inquiry);
- B. By Order G-34-21 dated January 29, 2021, the BCUC established that the Inquiry would be undertaken in two stages. Stage 1 will establish a general framework of key principles for the BCUC's regulation of safety. Stage 2 will explore the application of these principles to the BCUC's regulation of public utilities;
- C. On August 12, 2022, the BCUC issued the draft Stage 1 report (Draft Report) and by Order G-221-22 amended the regulatory timetable for the Inquiry to allow submissions and reply submissions on the Draft Report;
- D. By October 3, 2022, the BCUC received submissions on the Draft Report from Don Flintoff, Borealis Geopower Inc., FortisBC Energy Inc. and FortisBC Inc. (collectively, FortisBC), Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC), British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al., British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, and the Residential Consumer Intervenor Association;
- E. By October 18, 2022, the BCUC received reply submissions from FortisBC and the CEC; and
- F. The BCUC has reviewed the submissions received and considers the following determination is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE for the reasons provided in the Decision issued concurrently with this Order, the BCUC orders that the final Stage 1 report is issued and Stage 1 of the Inquiry is complete.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of December 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner