



ORDER NUMBER
E-1-23

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Electricity Purchase Agreement Extensions for Sechelt Creek Hydro and Brown Lake Hydro

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Panel Chair
C. M. Brewer, Commissioner
E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner
T. A. Loski, Commissioner
A. Pape-Salmon, Commissioner

on February 2, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 23, 2022, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) two three-month extension agreements (Sechelt Creek Extension Agreement and Brown Lake Extension Agreement, each dated October 30, 2022) extending each of the terms for the Sechelt Creek Energy Purchase Agreement (Sechelt Lake EPA) and Brown Lake Energy Purchase Agreement (Brown Lake EPA) to January 31, 2023, respectively;
- B. By Order G-61-12, dated May 17, 2012, the BCUC approved the Rules for Energy Supply Contracts for Electricity (Rules). Appendix A of Order G-61-12 contains the Rules, which are intended to facilitate the BCUC's review of energy supply contracts for electricity, pursuant to section 71 of the UCA;
- C. By Order G-39-20, dated March 4, 2020, the BCUC accepted for filing the Sechelt Creek EPA, as amended, with an effective date of March 1, 2018 and the Brown Lake EPA, as amended, with an effective date of April 1, 2018;
- D. BC Hydro requests the unredacted version of the Filing, including the entirety of the Sechelt Creek EPA and Brown Lake EPA, be held confidential as they contain information that is customer specific or otherwise commercially sensitive, and the public disclosure of such information will harm BC Hydro's negotiating position with respect to further EPAs; and
- E. The Panel has reviewed the Filing and considers acceptance of the Sechelt Creek Extension Agreement and Brown Lake Extension Agreement is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 71 of the UCA and the Rules, the BCUC orders as follows:

1. The Sechelt Creek Extension Agreement and Brown Lake Extension Agreement extending each of the terms to January 31, 2023 are accepted for filing.
2. The BCUC will keep the un-redacted version of the Filing, including the entirety of the Sechelt Creek EPA and Brown Lake EPA, confidential as they contain customer specific and other commercially sensitive information.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of February 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan
Commissioner