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ORDER NUMBER G-41-23

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

and

Lake Okanagan Resort
Electrical Distribution Assessment Report

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Panel Chair E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner A. Pape-Salmon, Commissioner

on March 1, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 7, 2022, Lake Okanagan Resort (LOR) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) its Electrical Distribution Assessment Report (LOR Assessment Report) prepared by Falcon Engineering.
- B. By Order G-333-19 dated December 18, 2019, the BCUC determined that LOR was a public utility as defined in section 1 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) and is therefore subject to regulation by the BCUC under the UCA;
- C. LOR purchases electricity from British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) under Residential Service Rate Schedule 1611 and resells electricity to four Strata Corporations that operate on the grounds of LOR's resort located on Lake Okanagan:
 - Strata Corporation KAS 3858;
 - Strata Corporation KAS 287;
 - Strata Corporation KAS 322; and
 - Strata Corporation KAS 316 (together, Strata Corporations).
- D. On January 18, 2022, LOR submitted an application seeking approval for exemption from section 71 and Part 3, except for sections 25, 38, 41 and 42 of the UCA (Exemption Application);
- E. The LOR Assessment Report was filed as part of the Exemption Application proceeding, but it was not considered in the proceeding as it was filed after the evidentiary record was closed;
- F. By Order G-16-23 dated January 26, 2023, the BCUC denied LOR's Exemption Application; and

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G. The BCUC determines that the establishment of a public hearing process and regulatory timetable for the review of the LOR Assessment Report is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A regulatory timetable for the review of LOR's Assessment Report is established as set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 2. LOR is directed as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than Wednesday, March 8, 2023 to provide notice of the LOR Assessment Report and a copy of this order, electronically where possible, to all LOR customers.
- 3. LOR is directed to provide to the BCUC, by Thursday, March 9, 2023, confirmation of compliance with the notice requirements set out in Directive 2 above, and a list of those notified.
- 4. In accordance with the BCUC <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>, any party who wishes to actively participate in the proceeding must complete a <u>Request to Intervene Form</u>, available on the BCUC's website, by the date established in the regulatory timetable. Any party who wishes to stay informed about the proceeding may register as an interested party by completing an <u>Interested Party Form</u>, available on the BCUC's website under Get Involved. Any party may also submit a letter of comment by completing a <u>Letter of Comment Form</u>, available on the BCUC's website.
- 5. LOR is directed to submit a plan addressing each issue and recommendation made in the LOR Assessment Report by Thursday, March 30, 2023. Within the plan, LOR is to include a timeline for the completion of each issue and recommendation.

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Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan Commissioner

Attachment

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Lake Okanagan Resort Electrical Distribution Assessment Report REGULATORY TIMETABLE

| Action | Date (2023) | | |
|--|--------------------|--|--|
| LOR to provide Notice | Wednesday, March 8 | | |
| LOR to provide confirmation of compliance with notice requirements | Thursday, March 9 | | |
| LOR to submit plan addressing LOR Assessment Report to the BCUC | Thursday, March 30 | | |
| LOR to provide proof of Notice to the BCUC | Thursday, March 30 | | |
| Deadline to submit Letters of Comment and Intervener Registration | Thursday, March 30 | | |
| Further Process | TBD | | |