



**ORDER NUMBER  
F-7-23**

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
Fiscal 2023 to Fiscal 2025 Revenue Requirements Application  
Interim Participant Assistance/Cost Award Application

**BEFORE:**

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair  
A. K. Fung, KC, Commissioner  
R. I. Mason, Commissioner  
A. Pape-Salmon, Commissioner

on March 8, 2023

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On August 31, 2021, the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed its Fiscal 2023 to Fiscal 2025 Revenue Requirements Application (Application) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to sections 44.2, and 58 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* requesting, among other things, interim and, after certain future determinations in other proceedings, permanent approval of the following:
  - (i) Increase in rates by 0.62 percent, effective April 1, 2022, by 0.97 percent, effective April 1, 2023 and by 2.18 percent, effective April 1, 2024; and
  - (ii) The fiscal 2023, fiscal 2024, and fiscal 2025 Open Access Transmission Tariff rates as set out in Table 9-4 of the Application;
- B. In the Application, BC Hydro also requested to set the Deferral Account Rate Rider on an interim and permanent basis at (2.0) percent, effective April 1, 2022 for fiscal 2023; and, on a permanent basis at (1.0) percent, effective April 1, 2023 for fiscal 2024 and (0.5) percent, effective April 1, 2024 for fiscal 2025;
- C. By Order G-10-23, the BCUC established an amended regulatory timetable for the review of the Application;
- D. The Association of Major Power Customers (AMPC) registered as an intervener in the proceeding and, on February 15, 2023, filed an updated interim Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) application with the BCUC requesting \$265,809.27 with respect to its participation in the proceeding pursuant to the BCUC's PACA Guidelines (Interim PACA Application); and

- E. The BCUC has reviewed the Interim PACA Application in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines attached to Order G-97-17 and determines that an interim cost award is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to section 118(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC orders as follows:

1. Interim costs in the amount of \$265,809.27 are awarded to AMPC as an advance against the BCUC's final cost award determination after the conclusion of the proceeding.
2. BC Hydro is directed to pay AMPC the amount of the interim cost award in a timely manner.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

D. M. Morton  
Commissioner