



ORDER NUMBER
E-7-23

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

and

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

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Panel Chair

on April 27, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 30, 2023, 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), an Electricity Purchase Agreement (EPA) renewal for the Sechelt Creek run-of-river hydroelectric project (Sechelt Creek) commencing February 1, 2023 (altogether the Filing). In the Filing, BC Hydro requests an extension to May 1, 2023, to file further information for the BCUC review of the Sechelt Creek EPA;
- 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 E-1-23, dated February 2, 2023, the BCUC accepted for filing the Sechelt Creek EPA Extension and the Brown Lake EPA, both as amended, with an expiry date of January 31, 2023;
- D. BC Hydro requests the unredacted version of the Filing, including the entirety of the Sechelt Creek 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 approval of the extension request is warranted.

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

- 1. The extension request for the Sechelt Creek EPA filing is approved. BC Hydro is directed to file the remainder of the Sechelt Creek EPA application with the BCUC by May 1, 2023.
- 2. The BCUC will keep the un-redacted version of the Filing, including the entirety of the Sechelt Creek 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 27th day of April 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan
Commissioner