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ORDER NUMBER R-19-23

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Mandatory Reliability Standard Assessment Report No. 16
Addressing Reliability Standards for Adoption in British Columbia

BEFORE:

E. B. Lockhart, Chair W. M. Everett, KC, Commissioner

on June 13, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 1, 2023, pursuant to section 125.2(3) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) submitted to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) Mandatory Reliability Standards (MRS) Assessment Report No. 16 (Report) assessing 14 revised reliability standards and two reliability standards considered for retirement. Further, BC Hydro states that the Report includes one new and one revised term (Revised Terms) from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Glossary of Terms (NERC Glossary) dated March 29, 2022, related to the reliability standards adopted in BC or assessed in the Report which BC Hydro is also recommending for adoption in BC;
- B. On May 19, 2023, BC Hydro submitted Errata No. 1 to the Report with a correction in the calculation of the estimated total minimum cumulative one-time cost to adopt the 11 recommended revised standards and two revised terms in BC; and
- C. Pursuant to section 125.2(5) of the UCA, if the BCUC receives a report under section 125.2(3) of the UCA, the BCUC must make the report available to the public in a reasonable manner, and for a reasonable period of time and consider any comments in response to the report.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to sections 125.2(5) of the UCA, the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A written comment process is established for the review of the Report in accordance with the Regulatory Timetable set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 2. BC Hydro is directed to have the Report available on its external website and notify all Entities registered in the BC MRS Program of the review process by providing them with a copy of this order and/or the link on the BCUC's website within five business days of the date of this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this day of June 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

E. B. Lockhart Commissioner

Attachment

Regulatory Timetable 2 of 2

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Mandatory Reliability Standard Assessment Report No. 16 Addressing Reliability Standards for Adoption in British Columbia

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

| Action | Date (2023) |
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| Written Public and Registered Entity comments to the BCUC and BC Hydro on Assessment Report No. 16 | Friday, July 14 |
| BC Hydro Reply Comments | Friday, July 28 |
| Further regulatory process | To be determined |