



ORDER NUMBER
G-201-23A

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application for Permission to File an Application for Reconsideration of Directive 85
after 60 Days from the Issuance of Order G-91-23

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair
A. K. Fung, KC, Commissioner

on July 26, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. In the Reasons for Decision attached to Order G-227-22 dated August 12, 2022, in the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) 2021 Integrated Resource Plan proceeding, and pursuant to section 44.1(3) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) recommended the establishment of a separate regulatory process to address the review of long-term resource plans for BC Hydro's Non-Integrated Areas (NIAs);
- B. By Decision and Order G-91-23 dated April 21, 2023, in the BC Hydro Fiscal 2023 to 2025 Revenue Requirements proceeding, in Directive 85 the BCUC directed BC Hydro to file its long-term resource plan for the NIAs by March 31, 2024, and to include as part of that plan details of its NIA Diesel Reduction Strategy including proposed performance metrics for review and approval by the BCUC;
- C. By letter dated June 16, 2023, BC Hydro filed a letter with the BCUC seeking permission, in accordance with Section 26.02 of Part V of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, to extend the filing of an application for reconsideration of Directive 85 in Decision and Order G-91-23, after the 60-day deadline for filing of a reconsideration application pertaining to that directive (Application);
- D. Section 26.02 of Part V of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure set out in Order G-72-23 states "unless prior permission of the BCUC is obtained, an application for reconsideration must be filed with the BCUC within 60 days of the issuance of the order or reasons for decision, whichever is later"; and
- E. The BCUC has commenced the review of the Application and determined that the establishment of a public hearing is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. A public hearing is established for the review of the Application in accordance with the regulatory timetable set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. BC Hydro is directed to provide a copy of this order and the Application to the First Nation communities, municipalities, and local governments within the 14 NIAs by Wednesday, August 2, 2023.
3. BC Hydro is directed to file a record of consultation activities with the First Nation communities within the 14 NIAs to date regarding proposals for long-term resource plans for BC Hydro's NIAs by Wednesday, August 16, 2023.
4. Parties within the 14 NIAs may submit letters of comment by completing a [Letter of Comment Form](#) by Thursday, August 31, 2023.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 1st day of August 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2023)
BC Hydro to provide a copy of this order and the Application to the First Nations communities, municipalities, and local governments within the 14 NIAs	Wednesday, August 2
BC Hydro to file a record of consultation activities with the First Nations communities within the 14 NIAs	Wednesday, August 16
Parties within the 14 NIAs to provide Letters of Comment to review BC Hydro's Application	Thursday, August 31
BC Hydro to provide a reply, if any, to the Letters of Comment	Tuesday, September 12
Further process	TBD