



ORDER NUMBER
G-208-23

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the Lower Mainland Reactive Power Reinforcement Project

BEFORE:

A. K. Fung, KC, Panel Chair
A.C. Dennier, Commissioner

on August 4, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 22, 2022, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to section 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Lower Mainland Reactive Power Reinforcement Project (Application);
- B. In the Application, BC Hydro proposes to install reactive power compensation equipment at the Meridian, Ingledow, McLellan and Clayburn substations and stop using the Burrard Synchronous Condenser Station to manage reactive power on BC Hydro's transmission system;
- C. By Order G-363-22, dated December 15, 2022, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for a review of the Application;
- D. By Order G-8-23, dated January 16, 2023, Order G-127-23, dated June 2, 2023 and Order G-173-23, dated July 4, 2023, the BCUC established further and amended regulatory timetables, which included a second round of information requests (IRs) to BC Hydro among other things;
- E. By letter dated July 26, 2023, British Columbia Old Age Pensioners Organization (BCOAPO) requested an extension to file its final argument from September 12, 2023 to October 5, 2023;
- F. By letter dated August 2, 2023, BC Hydro provided its response, stating it had no concerns with BCOAPO's request and requesting an additional week to file BC Hydro's Final Argument; and
- G. The BCUC has considered the submissions regarding the extension request and finds that the establishment of an amended regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC establishes an amended regulatory timetable as set out in Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of August 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A. K. Fung, KC
Commissioner

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2023)
BC Hydro Responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 2	Tuesday, August 15 th
BC Hydro Final Argument	Thursday, September 7 th
Intervener Final Argument	Thursday, October 5 th
BC Hydro Reply Argument	Thursday, October 19 th