



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**G-213-23**

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

and

Powell River Energy Inc.  
Status as a Public Utility

**BEFORE:**

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair  
C. M. Brewer, Commissioner

on August 9, 2023

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Powell River Energy Inc. (PREI), a wholly owned subsidiary of Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P. (Brookfield), owns and operates two hydroelectric generating stations constructed in the early 1900s, with an aggregate nameplate capacity of approximately 85 megawatts, and transmission and distribution facilities (Power Facilities) located on Powell Lake and Lois Lake in Powell River;
- B. By Order G-38-23 dated February 24, 2023, as amended by Order G-120-23 dated May 18, 2023, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) established a public hearing process for the review of PREI's status as a public utility and set out a regulatory timetable directing PREI to, among other things, provide public notice of the proceeding to potentially affected parties;
- C. By Order G-161-23 with Reasons for Decision dated June 22, 2023, the BCUC amended the regulatory timetable to allow intervenor registration and established further regulatory process that included a second round of BCUC information requests (IRs), and one round of Intervener IRs;
- D. By July 6, 2023, Paper Excellence Canada, The Council of Canadians – Powell River Branch, and Energy Democracy for BC filed requests to intervene;
- E. By letter dated August 3, 2023, PREI requested an extension to the regulatory timetable to allow further time for PREI's response to BCUC IR No. 2 (Extension Request); and
- F. Upon review of the Extension Request, the BCUC considers that an amendment to the regulatory timetable is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** the BCUC orders the regulatory timetable established by Order G-161-23 dated June 22, 2023 is amended and attached as Appendix A to this order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

T. A. Loski  
Commissioner

Attachment

Powell River Energy Inc.  
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**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

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Action	Date (2023)
PREI response to BCUC Information Request No. 2	Friday, August 25
Further process	To be determined