



ORDER NUMBER
G-303-23

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Ladore Spillway Seismic Upgrade Project and Strathcona Discharge Upgrade Project Application

BEFORE:

A.K. Fung, KC, Panel Chair
W.M. Everett, KC, Commissioner
M. Kresivo, KC, Commissioner

on November 9, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 14, 2023, the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to Section 44.2(3) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) for acceptance of each of the schedules of capital expenditures BC Hydro anticipates making for implementation of the Ladore Spillway Seismic Upgrade Project (Ladore Project) and the Strathcona Discharge Upgrade Project (Strathcona Project) (together, the Projects) and a determination that making the expenditures for the Projects is in the public interest (Application);
- B. The Ladore and Strathcona facilities form part of the Campbell River System, which comprises dams, reservoirs, and generating facilities that are located along the Campbell River on Vancouver Island. BC Hydro submits the Projects are required to address dam safety deficiencies related to the Ladore and Strathcona facilities' seismic withstand and water discharge capacity that could lead to overtopping and failure of the dams;
- C. By Order G-189-23, dated July 18, 2023, the BCUC, among other things, established a written hearing process and a regulatory timetable that includes one round of information requests (IRs), with further process to be determined;
- D. On October 17, 2023, in compliance with Order G-189-23, BC Hydro filed its responses to IR No. 1; and
- E. The BCUC has reviewed the IR responses and considers a further regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC establishes a further regulatory timetable, as set out in Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9th day of November 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A.K. Fung, KC
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2023)
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 2 to BC Hydro	Thursday, November 16
Intervener IR No. 2 to BC Hydro, if any	Thursday, November 23
BC Hydro responses to BCUC and intervener IR No. 2	Thursday, December 7
BC Hydro final argument	Thursday, December 14
Intervener final argument	Thursday, December 21
Action	Date (2024)
BC Hydro reply argument	Tuesday, January 9