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ORDER NUMBER G-22-24

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

and

Powell River Energy Inc. Status as a Public Utility Reconsideration of BCUC Order G-332-23

BEFORE:

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

on January 23, 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 29, 2023, Powell River Energy Inc. (PREI), filed an application for reconsideration of Order G-332-23 pursuant to section 99 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) and in accordance with Part V of the British Columbia Utilities Commission's (BCUC) Rules of Practice and Procedure (Reconsideration Application);
- B. By Order G-332-23 dated December 6, 2023, the BCUC determined that PREI is a public utility as defined in section 1 of the UCA;
- C. In the Reconsideration Application, PREI requests the BCUC rescind Order G-332-23 and submits that the BCUC erred in law to reach its decision supporting the order;
- D. Part V of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure attached to Order G-72-23 provides the rules for the reconsideration process (Reconsideration Rules); and
- E. The BCUC has commenced its review of the Reconsideration Application and determines that the establishment of a public hearing process in accordance with the Reconsideration Rules is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A public hearing process is established in accordance with the regulatory timetable set out in Appendix A of this order.
- 2. PREI is directed to provide a copy of the Reconsideration Application and this order to all registered interveners in the <u>PREI Status as a Public Utility Proceeding</u> by February 2, 2024.

- 3. PREI is directed to provide confirmation to the BCUC that it has complied with Directive 2 of this order by Tuesday, February 6, 2024.
- 4. Parties to the PREI Status as a Public Utility Proceeding are invited to submit letters of comment regarding the Reconsideration Application by the date established in the attached regulatory timetable. Letters of comment must be in the Letter of Comment form available on the BCUC's website at: https://www.bcuc.com/Forms/LetterOfComment or by mail to the BCUC, Suite 410, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2N3.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of January 2024.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

C. M. Brewer Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2024)
PREI to provide notice of the proceeding	Friday, February 2
PREI to provide confirmation of compliance with notice requirements	Tuesday, February 6
Letters of Comment	Tuesday, February 20
PREI Reply (if any)	Tuesday, March 5