



ORDER NUMBER
G-57-24

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

and

Creative Energy Mount Pleasant Limited Partnership
Rates for the Mount Pleasant District Cooling System

BEFORE:

E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner

on March 5, 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 31, 2023, Creative Energy Mount Pleasant Limited Partnership (CEMP) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to sections 58 to 61 and 90 of the *Utilities Commission Act* and section 15 of the *Administrative Tribunal Act*, its application for rates for the Mount Pleasant District Cooling System (DCS) for the provision of cooling service to the Main Alley Development (Application) and requested, among other things, the following interim approvals for the three year period, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 (Test Period):
 - (i) A levelized capacity charge (\$/kilowatt/month) as set out in Appendix B to the Application to recover the forecast capital and fixed operating costs (Capacity Charge); and
 - (ii) A variable charge (\$/megawatt-hour) as set out in Appendix B to the Application to recover the actual electricity and water costs on a flow-through basis (Variable Charge);
- B. By Order C-5-20 dated December 3, 2020, the BCUC granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to CEMP authorizing it to acquire and operate the existing Mount Pleasant DCS, including specific extensions, renovations, expansions and upgrades that will be completed in four phases;
- C. By Order G-242-22 dated August 22, 2022, the BCUC, among other things, approved the rate structure for the Mount Pleasant DCS, as well as the rates, on a permanent basis, for a three-year period, effective February 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023;
- D. By Order G-350-23 dated December 14, 2023, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, which included a request for submissions from CEMP on the proposed regulatory process, and granted approval of the Capacity Charge and Variable Charge, as set out in Appendix B to the Application, on an interim and refundable/recoverable basis, effective January 1, 2024;

- E. On December 21, 2023, CEMP filed its submissions to the BCUC and stated that it is amenable to setting permanent rates on the basis of forecast Phase 2 costs and commencing the regulatory process on the current Application;
- F. By Order G-12-24 dated January 12, 2024, the BCUC established a further regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, which included one round of BCUC and intervener information requests (IRs) to CEMP, and written final and reply arguments; and
- G. The BCUC has reviewed CEMP's responses to IR No. 1 and determines that an amendment to the regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. The BCUC establishes an amended regulatory timetable as set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 2. The scope of IR No. 2 is limited to the specific topics outlined below:
 - Proposed Capacity Charge for the Test Period.
 - Maintenance, water chemical, water treatment, and make-up water costs.
 - Building M3 capital costs and related expenses.
 - Building M4 depreciation costs.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 5th day of March 2024.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

E. B. Lockhart
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2024)
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 2	Thursday, March 21
Intervener IR No. 2	Tuesday, March 26
CEMP responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 2	Tuesday, April 9
CEMP final argument	Thursday, April 18
Intervener final argument	Monday, April 29
CEMP reply argument	Wednesday, May 8