



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**R-7-24**

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

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
Application for Acceptance of a Mitigation Plan required for  
Compliance with Mandatory Reliability Standard:  
MOD-026-1 Requirement 6 – Violation ID: BCUC2023000820

**BEFORE:**

E. B. Lockhart, Panel Chair  
E. A. Brown, Commissioner

on March 11, 2024

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On November 21, 2023, the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), acting as the Administrator for the British Columbia Mandatory Reliability Standards Program (BC MRS Program), issued a Recommendation of Mitigation Plan (MP) Acceptance (Recommendation) to bring British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) into compliance with the reliability standard identified above;
- B. Section 125.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) assigns exclusive jurisdiction to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) to determine whether a “reliability standard,” as defined in the UCA, is in the public interest and should be adopted in British Columbia;
- C. By Order G-123-09, the BCUC appointed WECC as its Administrator for registration and monitoring compliance pursuant to section 8 of the UCA. WECC’s role as Administrator for the BC MRS Program is pursuant to the Administration Agreement between WECC and the BCUC dated October 8, 2009, and renewed on July 5, 2019;
- D. Order G-123-09 also approved the Compliance Monitoring Program (CMP) for monitoring and enforcement of adopted reliability standards and the most recent revisions to the CMP were approved by Order R-40-17, dated September 1, 2017;
- E. Pursuant to section 5.1.1 of the CMP, an entity subject to approved Mandatory Reliability Standards found in Confirmed Violation of a reliability standard must prepare an MP to correct the Confirmed Violation or prepare a description of how the Confirmed Violation has been mitigated. Pursuant to section 5.3.2 of the CMP, an MP with respect to a Confirmed Violation must be submitted to the Administrator within ten days following confirmation by the BCUC;

- F. An MP with respect to a Possible Violation or an Alleged Violation may be submitted at any time and the BCUC encourages entities to mitigate all perceived instances of noncompliance upon detection;
- G. On November 16, 2023, BC Hydro submitted an MP to address the Possible Violation MOD-026-1 R6 with the proposed completion date of July 31, 2024, as shown below; and

| Reliability Standard | BCUC Violation ID | Date MP Submitted to WECC | Proposed Completion Date |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| MOD-026-1 R6         | BCUC2023000820    | November 16, 2023         | July 31, 2024            |

- H. The BCUC reviewed WECC's Recommendation and determines that acceptance of the MP for MOD-026-1 R6 is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to section 125.2(10) of the UCA and in accordance with the CMP, the BCUC accepts the MP with the proposed completion date as identified in recital G above.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

E. B. Lockhart  
Commissioner