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ORDER NUMBER G-112-24

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Fiscal 2024 Demand Side Management Expenditures

BEFORE:

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

on April 16, 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 14, 2024, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application seeking acceptance of its Demand Side Measures (DSM) Fiscal 2024 Expenditure Schedule (Application) pursuant to section 44.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA);
- B. By Decision and Order G-91-23 dated April 21, 2023, in the BC Hydro Fiscal 2023 to Fiscal 2025 Revenue Requirements proceeding, in Directive 75 the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) directed BC Hydro to submit a proposal in its next revenue requirement application to update its DSM funding transfer rules to include provisions to address a funding shortfall in the final year of a DSM plan for no more than 5 percent, and any other changes to the DSM funding transfer rules it deems necessary;
- C. In the Application, BC Hydro is requesting either:
 - 1. Acceptance of changes to its DSM transfer rules to provide flexibility for BC Hydro to manage the timing of expenditures on its DSM plans; or
 - 2. Acceptance of the additional fiscal 2024 expenditures DSM expenditures of \$3.6 million for capacity-focused programs, pursuant to section 44.2 of the UCA;
- D. The public version of the Application provided by BC Hydro redacts certain information related to the Industrial Curtailment program; and
- E. The BCUC has commenced review of the Application and considers that establishing a regulatory timetable is warranted.

Regulatory timetable 1 of 2

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. The regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is established as set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 2. BC Hydro is directed to provide notice of the Application and this order by Friday, April 19, 2024, electronically to the registered interveners in the BC Hydro Fiscal 2023 to Fiscal 2025 Revenue Requirements proceeding.
- 3. BC Hydro must provide written confirmation to the BCUC of compliance with the Directive 2 above by Thursday, April 25, 2024.
- 4. BC Hydro is directed to provide the information required by Rule 18 of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure in support of any requests for confidential treatment of information in the Application by Thursday, April 25, 2024.
- 5. In accordance with the <u>BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>, parties who wish to actively participate in the proceeding must complete a <u>Request to Intervene Form</u>, available on the Get Involved in a Proceeding section of the BCUC's website at https://www.bcuc.com/GetInvolvedProceeding by Thursday, April 25, 2024.
- 6. Parties may submit letters of comment by completing a <u>Letter of Comment Form</u> by Thursday, May 23, 2024.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 16th day of April 2024.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

E. B. Lockhart Commissioner

Attachment

Regulatory timetable 2 of 2

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Fiscal 2024 Demand Side Management Expenditures

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2024)
BC Hydro to provide notice of the Application	Friday, April 19
BC Hydro to provide confirmation of compliance with Directive 2 of Order G-112-24	Thursday, April 25
Deadline for intervener registration	Thursday, April 25
BC Hydro to file confidentiality request	Thursday, April 25
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to BC Hydro	Thursday, May 2
BC Hydro response to BCUC IR No. 1	Thursday, May 16
Deadline for letters of comment	Thursday, May 23
BC Hydro response to letters of comment and final submission	Thursday, June 6