



**ORDER NUMBER
G-114-24**

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 April 17, 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 G-350-23 dated December 14, 2023, the BCUC approved 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. By the same order and 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 intervenor information requests (IRs), as well as written final and reply arguments;
- C. On February 26, 2024, CEMP filed its responses to the BCUC's and intervenors' IR No. 1, and upon reviewing CEMP's responses, the BCUC determined that an amendment to the regulatory timetable for the review of the Application was warranted. By Order G-57-24 dated March 5, 2024, the BCUC amended the regulatory timetable to include a second round of BCUC and intervenor IRs, as well as written final and reply arguments;
- D. On April 12, 2024, CEMP filed its responses to the BCUC's and intervenors' IR No. 2 and made substantial changes to its rates model, resulting in an amended request for approval of its Capacity Charge, effective

January 1, 2024. CEMP states these changes were made to ensure consistency with Creative Energy's submissions in the BCUC's Generic Cost of Capital Stage 2 proceeding and the Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. 2024 Revenue Requirements for the Core Thermal Energy System proceeding, both currently before the BCUC; and

- E. Having reviewed CEMP's responses to the BCUC and Intervener IR No. 2 including the significant updates to the rates model, the BCUC considers that adjourning the regulatory timetable established by Order G-57-24 until further notice is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders that the regulatory timetable established by Order G-57-24 is adjourned from the date of this order until further notice.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 17th day of April 2024.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

E. B. Lockhart
Commissioner