



**ORDER NUMBER
C-2-24**

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Off-Grid Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

BEFORE:

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair
A. K. Fung, KC, Commissioner

on April 30, 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 5, 2024, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for Off-Grid Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations (Application);
- B. In the Application, pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), BC Hydro seeks a CPCN to construct and operate three EV charging stations that are outside of BC Hydro's integrated area and non-integrated areas in northern B.C. at the following locations: Tetsa River Lodge in Northern Rockies, BC; Liard Hot Springs Lodge in Northern Rockies, BC; and Bell 2 Lodge in Kitimat-Stikine A, BC;
- C. On April 3, 2024, BC Hydro filed an update to the Application in which BC Hydro requests the addition to the Application of a fourth EV charging station located at Buffalo Inn in Pink Mountain, BC;
- D. BC Hydro states that the four EV charging stations which are the subject of the Application are prescribed undertakings for the purposes of section 18 of the *Clean Energy Act* because their purpose is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in British Columbia and they meet the requirements of section 5(2) of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Clean Energy) Regulation (GGRR);
- E. By orders G-85-24 and G-99-24, the BCUC established a written public hearing process and timetable that included public notice and an opportunity for filing of letters of comment;
- F. Two letters of comment were filed in support of the Application;
- G. On April 29, 2024, BC Hydro filed a reply to the letters of comment;
- H. The BCUC has not reviewed the Application from a public interest perspective as these EV charging stations are prescribed undertakings under section 5(2) of the GGRR; and

- I. The BCUC has reviewed the Application's compliance with the requirements of the *Clean Energy Act* and the GGRR and makes the following determination.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, BC Hydro is hereby granted a CPCN for the construction and operation of the following four EV charging stations, located at: Tetsa River Lodge in Northern Rockies, BC; Liard Hot Springs Lodge in Northern Rockies, BC; Bell 2 Lodge in Kitimat-Stikine A, BC; and Buffalo Inn in Pink Mountain, BC.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 30th day of April 2024.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski
Commissioner