



ORDER NUMBER
G-156-24

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the
1L243 Transmission Load Increase (Highland Valley Copper) Project

BEFORE:

M. Jaccard, Panel Chair
E. A. Brown, Commissioner

on June 7, 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 23, 2024, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* for the 1L243 Transmission Load Increase (Highland Valley Copper) Project (Project) (Application);
- B. In the Application, BC Hydro seeks a CPCN to upgrade the transmission infrastructure that supports Teck Resource Limited's (Teck) Highland Valley Copper operations, to accommodate Teck's request for an increase in its contract demand from 146 MVA to 180 MVA. The Project consists of the following activities:
 - a. Supply and install a 300 MVA 230/138 kV/12.6 kV transformer at Nicola substation;
 - b. Reconductor transmission line 1L243 to increase its capacity and replace or reinforce structures where required;
 - c. Upgrade the disconnect switches and wire/cable infrastructure at the Highland substation; and
 - d. Construct a new line tap to connect Teck's Bethlehem substation to transmission line 1L055 at Teck's expense and under BC Hydro's supervision.
- C. BC Hydro requests that certain information in the Application be held confidential due to it being security sensitive or commercially sensitive, in accordance with Part IV of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure;
- D. The BCUC has commenced review of the Application and determines that establishing a public hearing and a regulatory timetable are warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. A written public hearing is established for the review of the Application in accordance with the regulatory timetable set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. BC Hydro is directed, as soon as is practicable but no later than Friday June 14, 2024, to provide a copy of this order and the Application to all known affected or potentially affected parties, including, but not limited to all First Nations, Indigenous communities and organizations, and stakeholders identified in the Application.
3. BC Hydro must make the Application, this order with the accompanying regulatory timetable, and the Public Notice in Appendix B to this order, available on its website, as soon as practicable, but not later than Friday June 14, 2024.
4. BC Hydro must publish the Public Notice in Appendix B to this order on all of its existing social media platforms, as soon as practicable, but not later than Friday June 14, 2024. Weekly reminder posts that include the Public Notice must be published on each of these platforms until the conclusion of the intervener registration period on Tuesday, July 2, 2024.
5. BC Hydro is directed to provide to the BCUC, by Tuesday July 9, 2024, confirmation of compliance with directives 2 to 4, including when the Public Notice has been posted, a list of the social media platforms on which the Public Notice was posted, as well as a list of all parties notified.
6. BC Hydro's request for certain information to be held confidential is granted. Sections of Chapter 3 to 5 on project description, First Nations consultation and public engagement and risk and risk management, respectively, as well as Appendices D to H on transmission load interconnection process, preliminary design reports, cost estimate, expenditure breakdown by year and project rate impact model, respectively, attached to the Application, will be held confidential until determined otherwise by the BCUC.
7. In accordance with the BCUC's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#), parties who wish to actively participate in this proceeding must submit the [Request to Intervene Form](#), available on the BCUC's website at <https://www.bcuc.com/GetInvolved/GetInvolvedProceeding>, by Wednesday July 3, 2024, as established in the regulatory timetable. Parties may also submit letters of comment by completing a [Letter of Comment Form](#), available on the BCUC's website.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of June 2024.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

M. Jaccard
Commissioner

Attachment

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the
1L243 Transmission Load Increase (Highland Valley Copper) Project

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2024)
BC Hydro to publish notice of the Application	Friday June 14
Intervener registration deadline	Tuesday July 2
BCUC information request (IR) No. 1 to BC Hydro	Wednesday July 3
Intervener IR No. 1 to BC Hydro	Wednesday July 17
BC Hydro responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 1	Wednesday August 21
BC Hydro final argument	Thursday September 19
Intervener final argument	Thursday October 3
BC Hydro reply argument	Thursday October 17



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BRITISH COLUMBIA HYDRO AND POWER AUTHORITY

CPCN FOR THE 1L243 TRANSMISSION LOAD INCREASE FOR THE HVC PROJECT

On May 23, 2024, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the 1L243 Transmission Load Increase (Highland Valley Copper) Project. The purpose of the project is to accommodate Teck Resource Limited's (Teck) request for an increase in its contract demand by upgrading transmission infrastructure to Teck's Highland Valley Copper site. The expected cost of the project is \$123.6 million.

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GET INVOLVED

- **Submit a letter of comment**
- **Subscribe to the proceeding**
- **Request intervener status**

IMPORTANT DATES

1. **Tuesday, July 2, 2024** – Deadline to request intervener status with the BCUC
2. **Tuesday, September 18, 2024** – Deadline to submit a letter of comment to share your views, opinions, and insights on the application

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