



**ORDER NUMBER
C-3-24**

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for Off-Grid Electric Vehicle Charging Services Fifth Station Application

BEFORE:

A. K. Fung, KC, Commissioner

on July 23, 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On April 30, 2024, by Order C-2-24 and pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) granted British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the construction and operation of the following four electric vehicle (EV) charging stations that are outside of BC Hydro's integrated area and non-integrated areas in northern BC, at the following locations: 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;
- B. On June 26, 2024, BC Hydro filed an application for a CPCN, pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the UCA, for a fifth EV charging station (Fifth Station) that is outside of BC Hydro's integrated area and non-integrated areas located at Daylu Fuels in Lower Post, BC (Application);
- C. In the Application, BC Hydro states the Fifth Station is a prescribed undertaking for the purposes of section 18 of the *Clean Energy Act*, because its purpose is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in British Columbia, and it meets the requirements of section 5(2) of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Clean Energy) Regulation (GGRR);
- D. By Order G-180-24 dated July 8, 2024, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, which included the filing of letters of comment;
- E. On July 17, 2024, a letter of comment was filed by D. Flintoff. Flintoff submits that a connection to ATCO Electric Yukon (ATCO) in Watson Lake should be explored prior to the installation of the Fifth Station that is powered by propane;

- F. By letter dated July 22, 2024, in reply to Flintoff, BC Hydro states it intends to install an off-grid charging unit for the Fifth Station, because potentially connecting to ATCO's distribution system would likely take significantly longer. However, BC Hydro intends to explore connecting to ATCO's distribution system as a potential option in the future. BC Hydro also submits that the Fifth Station is a prescribed undertaking, and therefore the BCUC should not review this Application from a public interest perspective;
- G. The BCUC has not reviewed the Application from a public interest perspective as the Fifth Station is a prescribed undertaking under section 5(2) of the GGRR; and
- H. 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 Fifth Station.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of July 2024.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A. K. Fung, KC
Commissioner