



**ORDER NUMBER
G-232-24**

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Public Electric Vehicle Charging Pilot Projects Expedited Review Framework Proposal

BEFORE:

M. Jaccard, Panel Chair
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on August 22, 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 31, 2024, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed a proposal for an expedited review framework for the British Columbia Utilities Commission's (BCUC) approval of public Electric Vehicle (EV) charging pilot projects (Application) in accordance with Decision and Order G-67-24;
- B. By Decision and Order G-67-24 dated March 13, 2024, the BCUC approved BC Hydro's applied for energy-based rates for its public EV charging service on a permanent basis and the extended stay charge of 40 cents per minute. The BCUC directed BC Hydro to file a proposal for an expedited review framework for BCUC approval of public EV charging pilot projects by July 31, 2024;
- C. The marketing budget is to enable BC Hydro to pursue opportunities for pricing flexibility for its EV charging service; and
- D. The BCUC has commenced its review of the Application and determines that the following orders are warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A 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 the supplemental information as outlined in Appendix B to this order by the date established in the regulatory timetable.
- 3. BC Hydro must provide notice of the Application and this order, electronically where possible, to all registered interveners in the BC Hydro Public EV Charging Service Rates proceeding by the date established in the regulatory timetable.

4. BC Hydro is directed to provide written confirmation to the BCUC that it has complied with Directive 3 by the date established in the regulatory timetable.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of August 2024.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

M. Jaccard
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2024)
BC Hydro notice of application and order	Thursday, August 29
BC Hydro confirmation of compliance with notice requirements	Tuesday, September 3
BC Hydro supplemental information	Friday, September 13
Letters of comment deadline	Monday, September 23
BC Hydro reply to letters of comment (if any)	Tuesday, October 1

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY BC HYDRO

1. **Objective** – in the Application Form for each EV charging pilot project, BC Hydro proposes to describe the objective for the pilot project, including a description of the pilot project’s potential benefits.¹
 - a. Please explain how BC Hydro will estimate the benefits for a pilot project (e.g. both qualitative and quantitative measures such as revenue, customer satisfaction, utility experience, etc.).
 - b. Please discuss whether there are any merits to set a default, minimum, or maximum time period for any pilot project (e.g. 3 months, 6 months, 1 year, etc.)
2. **Evaluation** - in the Application Form and Evaluation Report for each EV Charging Pilot Project, BC Hydro proposes to include an Evaluation section, in which it proposes to describe the evaluation methodology and the data it will collect to analyze the results of each pilot project, along with customer feedback.²

Please explain how BC Hydro will evaluate the potential impact(s) of an EV charging pilot project not meeting its stated objective(s). Discuss how BC Hydro will communicate these impact(s) to stakeholders and how it will develop strategies to mitigate any negative impact(s).
3. **Review of Pilot Project Applications by the BCUC** – BC Hydro proposes that the BCUC review each pilot project application and target to issue a decision within three weeks.³
 - a. As an alternative to a three-week decision target, please discuss whether BC Hydro views that each pilot project application should include a desired approval timeline based on the scope, time period and complexity of the pilot project.
 - b. Please discuss whether BC Hydro considers that a public process is appropriate for the approval of any pilot projects.
 - c. In the event that the review process for a pilot project takes longer than three weeks, please discuss whether BC Hydro will seek interim relief, and if so, under what terms.

¹ Exhibit B-1, p. 2, Attachment 1, p. 1.

² Exhibit B-1, p. 3, Attachment 2, p. 1.

³ Exhibit B-1, p. 3.