



ORDER NUMBER
G-28-25

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Non-Integrated Areas Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Exemption

BEFORE:

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on February 7, 2025

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On January 30, 2025, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application (Application) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to section 45(4) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) for an exclusion from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for the Tsay Keh Dene diesel generating station (TKD DGS) capacity increase project and the Kwadacha diesel generating station (KWA DGS) capacity increase project (together, the Projects);
- B. The Projects are both located in BC Hydro's non-integrated areas (NIAs) and are extensions to existing diesel generating stations. BC Hydro states that the Projects will increase generation capacity to meet load growth in the Tsay Keh Dene and Kwadacha communities, respectively;
- C. Section 45(4) of the UCA provides that the BCUC may, by regulation, exclude a utility plant or categories of utility plants from the operation of section 45(1) of the UCA, which requires that after September 11, 1980, a person must not begin the construction or operation of a public utility plant or system, or an extension of either, without first obtaining a CPCN from the BCUC; and
- D. The BCUC determines that establishing a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A 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 practicable, but not later than Friday, February 14, 2025, to:
 - a. provide a copy of this order and the Application, electronically if possible, to the Tsay Keh Dene Nation and Kwadacha Nation; and

- b. request that the Tsay Keh Dene Nation and Kwadacha Nation post a copy of this order in a publicly available location in their respective communities (e.g. a community notice board).
3. BC Hydro is directed, as soon as practicable, but not later than Friday, February 14, 2025, to make this order and the Application available on its website.
4. BC Hydro is directed to provide to the BCUC by Tuesday, February 18, 2025, written confirmation of compliance with Directives 2 and 3.
5. In accordance with BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, any party wishing to provide comments is invited to submit a Letter of Comment by the date established in the regulatory timetable. Letters of comment must be in the Letter of Comment Form available on the BCUC's website at <https://www.bcuc.com/Forms/LetterOfComment>

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of February 2025.

BY ORDER

Electronically signed by Tom Loski

T. A. Loski
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2025)
BC Hydro to provide notice of the Application	Friday, February 14
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to BC Hydro	Friday, February 14
BC Hydro to provide written confirmation of compliance with notice requirements	Tuesday, February 18
BC Hydro responses to BCUC IR No. 1	Tuesday, February 25
Letters of comment deadline	Tuesday, March 4
BC Hydro responses to letters of comment (if any) and final argument	Tuesday, March 11