



**ORDER NUMBER
G-43-25**

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

and

Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc.
2024 to 2027 Rates for Heating at South Downtown TES

BEFORE:

E. B. Lockhart, Panel Chair
W. E. Royle, Commissioner

on February 24, 2025

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 20, 2024, Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. (Creative Energy) filed an application (Application) for approval with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to sections 58 to 60 and 90 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, seeking, among other things, approval of rates, effective January 1, 2024, for the provision of heating and hot water service to customers connected to its South Downtown thermal energy system (SODO Heating TES);
- B. By Order G-222-21 dated July 22, 2021, the BCUC approved, among other things, a rate design and rates consisting of a levelized capacity charge per kilowatt per month for the years 2019 through 2023 and a variable charge rate design which is per megawatt hour for Creative Energy's SODO Heating TES, effective November 1, 2019;
- C. In the Application, Creative Energy requests that the BCUC approve the levelized capacity charge rates for the SODO Heating TES as set out in Appendix B of the Application. Creative Energy also requests approval to continue to charge the variable charge on a flow-through basis to customers and to terminate the Regulatory Cost Variance Deferral Account rate rider;
- D. By Order G-15-25 dated January 24, 2025 and the accompanying decision, the BCUC approved rates on an interim and refundable/recoverable basis, effective January 1, 2025, and established a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, which includes the filing of supplemental information, intervenor registration, one round of information requests, and final and reply arguments;
- E. On February 14, 2025, Creative Energy filed its supplemental information, which included a statement that it would provide further details to two of the responses in an evidentiary update to be submitted by February 25, 2025. Creative Energy also revised its requests related to the levelized capacity charge rates, among other matters; and

- F. The BCUC has considered the Application and supplemental information filed by Creative Energy and determines that amending the regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. An amended regulatory timetable is established as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. The rate design of the levelized capacity charge for Creative Energy's SODO Heating TES that was approved by Order G-222-21 is out of scope for Information Request No. 1.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of February 2025.

BY ORDER

Electronically signed by Blair Lockhart

E. B. Lockhart
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2025)
Creative Energy filing of evidentiary update	Tuesday, February 25
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to Creative Energy	Tuesday, March 18
Intervener IR No. 1 to Creative Energy	Tuesday, March 25
Creative Energy responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 1	Tuesday, April 15
Creative Energy final argument	Thursday, May 1
Intervener final argument	Thursday, May 15
Creative Energy reply argument	Friday, May 30