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ORDER NUMBER G-49-25

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

and

Wyse Meter Solutions Inc.
Variance to Directive 5 of Order G-312-24

BEFORE:

E. B. Lockhart, CommissionerB. A. Magnan, CommissionerW. E. Royle, Commissioner

on February 26, 2025

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 27, 2024, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) issued Order G-312-24 and the accompanying decision (Decision) to Wyse Meter Solutions Inc. (Wyse) regarding Wyse Submetering Systems and Rates for Service, which included the following directives regarding rates effective June 28, 2023:
 - 4. Wyse is directed to recalculate its revenue requirements and rates based on the Panel's determinations and directives in the Decision and to file these in a compliance filing with the BCUC (Compliance Filing) within 30 days of the date of this order.
 - 5. Wyse is directed to refund or recover the difference between the rates approved on a permanent basis and the rates approved on an interim basis by Order G-168-23 with interest calculated at the average prime rate of Wyse's principal bank for its most recent fiscal year as a bill adjustment(s) within three months of the date of this order. Wyse is directed to include in the Compliance Filing, the amounts to be refunded or recovered and the timing.

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- 10. Wyse is directed to file with the BCUC, within 30 days of the date of this order, updated tariff pages in accordance with the determinations set out in section 7.1 of the Decision and reflecting the permanent 2023 Rates and 2024 Rates.
- B. On December 19, 2024, Wyse filed the Compliance Filing required by Directive 4 of Order G-312-24 with updated rates for service and proposed tariff pages for endorsement, including appendices filed on a confidential basis. On December 24, 2024, Wyse filed a revised Compliance Filing.

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- C. On January 15, 2025, Wyse filed a further revised Compliance Filing to update, among other things, its calculation of the variance between the rates approved on a permanent basis by Order G-312-24 and the rates approved on an interim basis by Order G-168-23 (together with the December 19, 2024 Compliance Filing and the December 24, 2024 revised Compliance Filing [the Filing]);
- D. In the Filing, Wyse proposes to waive the recovery of the net amount of the variance between interim and permanent rates, estimated at \$48,000, for the period from June 28, 2023 to December 31, 2024;
- E. On February 3, 2025, BCUC staff issued questions to Wyse seeking clarification regarding its calculation of the variance between interim and permanent rates and its rationale for waiving the recovery of the variance, and Wyse provided its response on February 6, 2025. In the response to staff questions, Wyse stated that repayment of the under-recovered amounts will not be in the customer's or utility's interest as it will complicate billing requirements and customer understanding and confirmed that waiving the recovery amount will have no impact on its standard of service; and
- F. The BCUC has reviewed the Filing and responses to staff questions, and makes the following determinations.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to sections 63 and 99 of the Utilities Commission Act, the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. The BCUC consents to Wyse waiving the recovery of the variance between the rates approved on a permanent basis by Order G-312-24 and the rates approved on an interim basis by Order G-168-23, and any associated interest, for the period from June 28, 2023 to December 31, 2024.
- 2. Directive 5 of Order G-312-24 is rescinded.
- 3. The appendices to the Filing will be kept confidential unless the BCUC determines otherwise.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 26th day of February 2025.

BY ORDER

Electronically signed by Bernard Magnan

B. A. Magnan Commissioner

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