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ORDER NUMBER G-51-25

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority 2024 Call for Power Electricity Purchase Agreements

BEFORE:

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair B. A. Magnan, Commissioner W. E. Royle, Commissioner

on February 26, 2025

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 12, 2025, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application (Application) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) for acceptance of ten electricity purchase agreements (EPAs) with the successful proponents of BC Hydro's 2024 call to acquire clean or renewable electricity from greenfield generating facilities in British Columbia. The EPAs are:
 - a. The Boulder and Elkhart Wind Project EPA between BC Hydro and Elkhart Wind Limited Partnership;
 - b. The Brewster Wind Project EPA between BC Hydro and Brewster Wind Inc.;
 - c. The Highland Valley Wind Project EPA between BC Hydro and Highland Valley Wind Inc.;
 - d. The K2 Wind Project EPA between BC Hydro and K2 Wind Power Inc.;
 - e. The Mount Mabel Wind Project EPA between BC Hydro and Mount Mabel Wind Inc.;
 - f. The Nilhts'i Ecoener Wind Project EPA between BC Hydro and Nilhts'i Ecoener Energy Corp;
 - g. The Nithi Mountain Wind Project EPA between BC Hydro and Nithi Mountain Power General Partnership;
 - h. The ShTSaQU Solar Project EPA between BC Hydro and Logan BC Solar Project Limited Partnership;
 - i. The Stewart Creek Wind Project EPA between BC Hydro and Stewart Creek Power Inc.; and
 - j. The Taylor Wind Project EPA between BC Hydro and Taylor Wind Project Inc.;

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- B. By Order G-61-12 dated May 17, 2012, the BCUC approved the Rules for Energy Supply Contracts for Electricity (Rules). Appendix A of Order G-61-12 contains the Rules, which are intended to facilitate the BCUC's review of energy supply contracts for electricity, pursuant to section 71 of the UCA;
- C. By Decision and Order G-58-24 dated March 6, 2024, the BCUC accepted BC Hydro's 2021 Integrated Resource Plan pursuant to section 44.1(6) of the UCA, and conclusively determined pursuant to section 44.1(9) of the UCA, for the purposes of any future hearing or proceeding to be conducted by the BCUC under the UCA:
 - That there is a need for BC Hydro to acquire approximately 3,000 GWh of clean or renewable energy from greenfield generation facilities in the province for delivery to BC Hydro as early as fiscal 2029; and
 - b. That there is a need for BC Hydro to acquire approximately 700 GWh of clean or renewable energy from existing generation facilities in the province for delivery to BC Hydro prior to fiscal 2029;
- D. BC Hydro submits that the information contained in the Application is sufficient for the BCUC to determine, without a hearing, that each of the EPAs is in the public interest in accordance with the criteria set out in section 71 of the UCA; and
- E. The BCUC has commenced review of the Application and considers that the establishment of a regulatory timetable for review of the Application, including a written comment process, 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 Thursday, March 6, 2025, to make this order and the Application available on its website.
- 3. BC Hydro is to provide a copy of this order and the Application to all interveners in the BC Hydro Fiscal 2023 to 2025 Revenue Requirements proceeding and the BC Hydro 2021 Integrated Resource Plan proceeding by no later than Thursday, March 6, 2025.
- 4. BC Hydro is directed to publish notice of the Application, or post the Public Notice attached as Appendix B to this order, on its existing social media platforms by no later than Thursday, March 6, 2025.
- 5. BC Hydro is directed to provide written confirmation to the BCUC of compliance with Directives 2 to 4 of this order by Thursday, March 13, 2025.
- 6. 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.

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DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 26th 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	Thursday, March 6
BC Hydro to provide written confirmation of compliance with notice requirements	Thursday, March 13
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to BC Hydro	Thursday, March 27
BC Hydro responses to BCUC IR No. 1	Thursday, April 10
Letters of comment deadline	Thursday, April 17
BC Hydro responses to letters of comment (if any) and final argument	Thursday, May 1

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The EPAs would enable BC Hydro to acquire electricity from The Boulder and Elkhart Wind Project, The Brewster Wind Project, The Highland Valley Wind Project, The K2 Wind Project, The Mount Mabel Wind Project, The Nilhts'i Ecoener Wind Project, The Nithi Mountain Wind Project, The ShTSaQU Solar Project, The Stewart Creek Wind Project, and The Taylor Wind Project.

For more information about the Application, please visit the <u>Proceeding Webpage</u> on bcuc.com under "Our Work – Proceedings". To learn more about getting involved, please visit our website at <u>www.bcuc.com/get-involved</u>.

GET INVOLVED

- Submit a letter of comment
- Subscribe to the proceeding

IMPORTANT DATES

1. Thursday, April **17**, **2025** – Deadline to submit a letter of comment to share your views, opinions, and insights on the Application.

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