



**ORDER NUMBER
G-134-25**

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

and

Nelson Hydro
2025 Revenue Requirements

BEFORE:

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

on June 3, 2025

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 31, 2024, Nelson Hydro filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) seeking approval of a general annual rate increase of 7.54 percent for the Rural service area (Application) subject to adjustments and to any directives or determinations made in the decision for Stage 2 of the BCUC's Generic Cost of Capital proceeding, pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*;
- B. Nelson Hydro is owned and operated by the City of Nelson and is excluded from regulation under the *Utilities Commission Act* to the extent it is serving customers within its municipal boundaries. Accordingly, the BCUC's review of the Application pertains solely to Nelson Hydro's non-municipal, or Rural, ratepayers;
- C. By Order G-300-24 dated November 15, 2024, the BCUC approved Nelson Hydro's requested rate increase of 7.54 percent that applies to all Rural customer classes on an interim, refundable or recoverable basis, effective January 1, 2025;
- D. By Orders G-300-24, G-328-24 and G-75-25, the BCUC established and amended regulatory timetables for the review of the Application, which included one round of BCUC Information Requests (IRs) and Panel IRs, letters of comment, and Nelson Hydro final argument and responses to letters of comment; and
- E. The BCUC has reviewed the information on the evidentiary record and determines that reopening the evidentiary record of this proceeding is warranted to accommodate the issuance of Panel IR No. 2.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. The BCUC establishes an amended regulatory timetable as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. Nelson Hydro is directed to file responses to Panel IR No. 2 by the deadline established in the regulatory timetable.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of June 2025.

BY ORDER

Electronically signed by Blair Lockhart

E. B. Lockhart
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2025)
Panel Information Request (IR) No. 2	Tuesday, June 3
Nelson Hydro responses to Panel IR No. 2	Tuesday, June 10