



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-100-09

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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Transmission Service Rates Customer Baseline Load F2009 and F2010 Application

BEFORE: L.K. Kelsey, Commissioner
P.E. Vivian, Commissioner September 3, 2009

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") filed on November 14, 2008, pursuant to sections 58 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the "Act"), an application (the "F08/F09 CBL Application") for approval of revised F2008 and new F2009 Customer Baseline Loads ("CBLs") for BC Hydro customer accounts served on Rate Schedule ("RS") 1823; and
- B. Customer Baseline Load Determination Guidelines ("CBL Guidelines") were approved by Orders G-79-05 and G-19-06, and the CBL Guidelines establish processes for periodic adjustments to a customer's CBL; and
- C. Pursuant to Letter L-63-06, BC Hydro filed the CBL Guidelines with the Commission as Electric Tariff Supplement No. 74; and
- D. By Orders G-156-06, G-13-08 and G-7-09, the Commission approved CBL Adjustment Tariff Practices ("Tariff Practices") which BC Hydro uses with the CBL Guidelines to determine whether to include requested adjustments to CBLs as required by section 6.2.2 of the CBL Guidelines; and
- E. By section 6.2.3 of the CBL Guidelines, BC Hydro is to make any necessary retroactive billing adjustments to reflect the CBLs that have been approved by the Commission; and
- F. Since the CBLs are required for billing purposes, by Order G-202-08, the Commission approved on an interim basis, pursuant to sections 89 and 90 of the Act, the F2009 CBLs requested by BC Hydro in the F08/F09 CBL Application effective April 1, 2008; and
- G. By Letter L-64-08 issued concurrently with Order G-202-08, the Commission requested that customers advise the Commission in writing by January 30, 2009 if they wish to dispute the new F2009 or revised

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F2008 CBLs that BC Hydro had proposed for them. The Commission stated that in the absence of a response by the date stipulated for it, the Commission would conclude that the customer agrees with the CBLs proposed by BC Hydro; and

- H. The Commission did not receive any disputes or comments from customers about the new F2009 or revised F2008 CBLs that BC Hydro had proposed for them. The only comments received were by letter dated January 30, 2009 from the Joint Industry Electricity Steering Committee ("JIESC") regarding certain modifications to Tariff Practices, which were supported by BC Hydro and approved by the Commission by Order G-7-09; and
- I. By Order G-42-09 the Commission confirmed that all F2009 CBLs will remain in effect on an interim basis until such time as they are approved on a permanent basis by the Commission; and
- J. BC Hydro filed on August 7, 2009, pursuant to sections 58 to 61, 89 and 90 of the Act, an application (the "F09/F10 CBL Application") for approval of revised F2009 CBLs, on a final and permanent basis effective April 1, 2008, and new F2010 CBLs, on an interim basis effective April 1, 2009, for RS 1823 customers. BC Hydro also sought approval to bill certain customers on RS 1823 Energy Charge A; and
- K. In the F09/F10 CBL Application BC Hydro also sought approval, pursuant to section 26(a) of the Act, of several new and revised Tariff Practices that arose during the development of the F2010 CBLs; and
- L. BC Hydro stated that per section 6.2.1 of the CBL Guidelines, BC Hydro has submitted all adjusted F2009 CBLs and F2010 CBL determinations to the customer for review and comment prior to filing the F09/F10 CBL Application; and
- M. BC Hydro on August 17, 2009 confidentially filed an errata related to Appendix A of the Application filed with the Commission on August 7, 2009. The errata contain confidential customer information. BC Hydro states the errata do not impact CBLs that have been requested for approval.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to Letter L-68-09 issued concurrently with this Order, the Commission requests comments by October 14, 2009 from customers on the Adjusted F2009 CBL and Interim F2010 CBL that BC Hydro has proposed for them. In the event that any customer does not so advise the Commission by the date stipulated for it, the Commission will conclude that the customer agrees with the CBLs proposed by BC Hydro.
2. BC Hydro is directed to provide a copy of this Order and Letter L-68-09 to all RS 1823 customers by September 23, 2009.

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3. All RS 1823 customers are requested to provide any comments on BC Hydro's proposed new and revised CBL adjustment tariff practices, also by October 14, 2009.
4. If there are disputes pursuant to items 1 and 3 above, the Commission will establish a process to review the disputes.
5. Once the Commission has approved the final CBLs, BC Hydro is to make any necessary billing adjustments as set out in section 6.2.3 of Tariff Supplement No. 74.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of September 2009.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner