

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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

and

**An Application by the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
to Amend Street Lighting Rate Schedules 1702 and 1703**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner October 29, 2009
P.E. Vivian, Commissioner

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 27, 2009, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") received an application (the "Application") from British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") proposing amendments to the terms and conditions of its Electric Tariff, Rate Schedules 1702 and 1703, pursuant to sections 58-61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the "Act"); and
- B. The proposed amendments create rates applicable to street lighting fixtures fitted with automated dimming controls; and
- C. BC Hydro expects street lighting fixtures fitted with automated dimming controls to encourage energy conservation, furthering BC Hydro Power Smart objectives, and allowing customers pay less for street lighting energy; and
- D. The Province has demonstrated its support for dimming technology by awarding \$1.3 million to northern B.C. municipalities to implement dimming on 8,000 to 10,000 street lights; and
- E. The Application included letters from the Cities of Burnaby, Delta, Prince George, and Vancouver supporting the proposed amendments; and
- F. Commission Order G-112-09, issued on September 24, 2009, directed review of the Application via written submissions from Stakeholders (parties registered as Intervenor in the BC Hydro 2009-10 Revenue Requirements proceeding and the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia ("ICBC")); and

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- G. The Commission received written submissions from four Stakeholders: the BC Old Age Pensioners Organisation *et al*, the BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club British Columbia, the City of Kamloops, and ICBC. None of the written submissions opposed the Application proposals. ICBC requested Interested Party status concerning future correspondence related to the Application; and
- H. The Commission has considered the Application and the written submissions from Stakeholders.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The BC Hydro Application to Amend Street Lighting Rate Schedules 1702 and 1703 is approved as filed.
2. BC Hydro is directed to communicate with the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia as an Interested Party with respect to future correspondence related to the Application. In particular, ICBC should be sent copies of future reports addressing road safety, or other automobile-related impacts, associated with the use of dimmed street lighting under Rate Schedules 1702 and 1703.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 30th day of October 2009.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner