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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER R-54-12**

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

and

**A Filing by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Mandatory Reliability Standards Assessment Report No. 5
and the Determination of Reliability Standards for Adoption in British Columbia**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner September 13, 2012
B.A. Magnan, Commissioner
D.M. Morton, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Pursuant to section 125.2(2) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the Act) the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) has exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a "reliability standard", as defined in the Act, is in the public interest and should be adopted in British Columbia;
- B. In order to facilitate the Commission's consideration of reliability standards, the British Columbia Transmission Corporation is required under section 125.2(3) of the Act to review each reliability standard and provide the Commission with a report assessing:
 - (a) any adverse impact of the reliability standard on the reliability of electricity transmission in British Columbia if the reliability standard were adopted;
 - (b) the suitability of the reliability standard for British Columbia;
 - (c) the potential cost of the reliability standard if it were adopted; and
 - (d) any other matter prescribed by regulation or identified by order of the Commission;
- C. On July 5, 2010, BC Hydro assumed all obligations of the British Columbia Transmission Corporation;
- D. On April 19, 2012, BC Hydro submitted Mandatory Reliability Standards (MRS) Assessment Report No. 5;
- E. On May 3, 2012, BC Hydro submitted a corrected MRS Assessment Report No. 5;
- F. Pursuant to section 125.2(5)(a) of the Act, the Commission will post the Assessment Report No. 5 on its website at www.bcuc.com and invites public comments on the Assessment Report;

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- G. The Commission will establish a Regulatory Timetable for public comment and review of the reliability standards assessed in the Assessment Report 5.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. In accordance with the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order, any person wishing to comment on the reliability standards assessed in the Assessment Report No. 5 must deliver written comments to the Commission by no later than Friday, October 19, 2012 with a copy to BC Hydro at the following address:

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Attention: Janet Fraser
Chief Regulatory Officer
Phone: 604-623-4046
Fax: 604-623-4407
bchydroregulatorygroup@bchydro.com

2. BC Hydro will file with the Commission any comments in response to the public comments received by no later than Friday, October 26, 2012.
3. The Commission may, if it considers necessary, deliver information requests to BC Hydro and/or person(s) who have submitted comments. Any such information requests will be delivered by Friday, November 9, 2012 and recipients of the information requests must reply by Friday, November 30, 2012.
4. BC Hydro will publish the Notice of Assessment Report No. 5 and Process for Public Comments that is attached as Appendix B to this Order, on its website by Thursday, September 20, 2012.
5. By Thursday, September 20, 2012, BC Hydro will send a letter of notification to each entity who replied to its Assessment Report No. 5 consultation process advising them of the Report filing and the Commission's review process.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of September 2012.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachments

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2012)
Written Comments of Public to Commission and BC Hydro	Friday, October 19
BC Hydro Reply Comments	Friday, October 26
Commission Information Requests, if necessary	Friday, November 9
Responses to Information Requests	Friday, November 30



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NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT REPORT NO. 5 AND PROCESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

On April 19, 2012, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed its Assessment Report No. 5 on three (3) new reliability standards, seven (7) replacement reliability standards and 21 revised reliability standards developed by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC).

The British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) has posted BC Hydro's Assessment Report No. 5 on its website at www.bcuc.com, and invites public comments on the reliability standards assessed in the Report.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Commission Order R-54-12 establishes a Regulatory Timetable and process for comments. Any person wishing to comment on BC Hydro's Assessment Report No. 5 and the reliability standards that are assessed in it must deliver written comments to the Commission by no later than Friday, October 18, 2012 with a copy to BC Hydro at the following address:

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Attention: Janet Fraser
Chief Regulatory Officer
Phone: 604-623-4046
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All written comments on the Report will be placed on the public record and posted to the Commission's website.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE ASSESSMENT REPORT

Assessment Report No. 5 is available for inspection at the following locations:

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
333 Dunsmuir Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 5R3
Telephone: 604-623-4315
Email: bchydroregulatorygroup@bchydro.com
Web: www.bchydro.com

British Columbia Utilities Commission
Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street
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FURTHER INFORMATION

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