



LETTER L-2-12

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Ms. Janet Fraser
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Dear Ms. Fraser:

Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Large General Service Rate – Order G-213-11
Filing of Tariff Supplement No. 82 and Revisions to Rate Schedule 16xx

The British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission, BCUC) is in receipt of your letter dated December 22, 2011 in which you indicate that the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) is not able to comply with the 20-day time limit to process the customer applications in abeyance.

Your letter dated December 22, 2011 discusses the eligibility threshold revision as ordered in Paragraph 4 of Order G-213-11 and outlines a number of the clarity and scope issues regarding the revised eligibility threshold. The letter indicates that BC Hydro will be bringing a clarification/reconsideration application to deal with the four issues noted in the December 22, 2011 letter, likely in mid-January. Since addressing the four issues in appropriate tariff language and a clarification/reconsideration application will take more time than has been allowed to process the pending applications, BC Hydro proposes two options to deal with the processing of those pending applications as ordered in Paragraph 3:

First Option: extend the January 13, 2012 deadline until the resolution of the later clarification/reconsideration application, or in the alternative;

Second Option: BCUC accepts for filing a form of Tariff Supplement No. 82 that includes neither the provision required by Paragraph 4 of Order G-213-11, nor the tariff language necessary to address the four issues identified in the December 22, 2011 letter, pending the later clarification/reconsideration application. BC Hydro further notes that none of the pending applications turn on a revised eligibility threshold.

The Tariff Supplement No. 82 filed with the letter dated December 22, 2011 is the same as the copy filed with BC Hydro's responses to Information Requests on September 19, 2011 except for differences noted in footnote 4 in the December 22, 2011 letter and the substitution of "BC Hydro" for "BCUC" in paragraph 3.1. The Commission has decided that the Second Option noted above serves a practical purpose and accepts this option subject to

further amendments to the Tariff Sheets as listed in Attachment A to this letter. Once the amended Tariff Supplement No. 82 and Rate Schedule 16xx are filed and acknowledged for filing by the Commission, BC Hydro can proceed to process the pending applications.

Yours truly,

Alanna Gillis

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Enclosure

cc: LGS TS No. 78 distribution list
Gateway Property Management Corporation
Sunnyside Greenhouses Ltd.
Evolution Homeowners Association
Adams Lake Lumber
Cowichan Valley Regional District
Vancouver Island Health Authority
Nelsen Lodge Strata Plan
Shape Properties Corp.

As noted in Letter L-2-12, British Columbia and Hydro and Power Authority may file Tariff Supplement No. 82 and Rate Schedule 16xx that reflect Order G-213-11 except for the directives in that Order regarding the revised eligibility threshold, for filing pursuant to section 61 (3) of the *Utilities Commission Act*.

The acceptance of Option 2 as noted in Letter L-xx-12 is subject to further amendments to the Tariff Sheets and Rate Schedule as filed by BC Hydro in its December 22, 2011 letter:

- (1) Heading:
“Electric Tariff Supplement No. 82” be changed to “Electric Tariff supplement No. 82 (Interim)”
- (2) Insert Paragraph 1.1 with heading: Purpose of Interim Tariff Supplement
- (3) Insert Paragraph 1.1 to read as follows: This Interim Tariff Supplement is partially approved by Order G-213-11. This Interim Tariff Supplement is effective from the date of Order G-213-11 and will expire on March 1, 2012 or upon re-issuance of a permanent Tariff Supplement No. 82, whichever is sooner. The purpose of this Interim Tariff Supplement is to allow BC Hydro to process the applications for prospective growth adjustments under Section 13 of the LGS NSA that are being held in abeyance as at December 31, 2011. A permanent Tariff Supplement No. 82 will be issued pending clarification from the BCUC regarding Directive 4 in Order G-213-11.
- (4) Rate Schedule Page 34-24: Paragraph 5: insert “(Interim)” after Electric Tariff Supplement No. 82