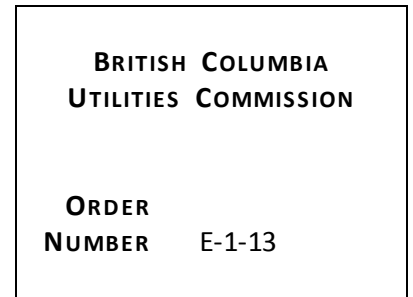




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IN THE MATTER OF  
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

Filing by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
of the Electricity Purchase Agreement  
between British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
and Gitga'at Economic Limited Partnership

**BEFORE:** L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner  
C.A. Brown, Commissioner  
R.D. Revel, Commissioner February 21, 2013  
C. van Wermeskerken, Commissioner

### O R D E R

#### WHEREAS:

- A. On March 22, 2012, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order C-4-12 granting British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to serve the community of Hartley Bay, conditional on BC Hydro taking over and owning the distribution system in Hartley Bay;
- B. On December 14, 2012, BC Hydro filed with the Commission, pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Electricity Purchase Agreement between BC Hydro and Gitga'at Economic Limited Partnership made as of November 21, 2012 (EPA);
- C. On December 20, 2012, the Commission issued Letter L-72-12 to BC Hydro and copied to stakeholders, Gitga'at Nation and Gitxaala Nation requesting comments on the EPA by January 31, 2013;
- D. On February 5, 2013, BC Hydro informed the Commission that comments were received from B.C. Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA) only. BCSEA is supportive of the EPA;
- E. The Commission has considered the filing by BC Hydro and has determined that the EPA is in the public interest and that BC Hydro First Nations consultations were adequate.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER** E-1-13

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**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission orders the Electricity Purchase Agreement between BC Hydro and Gitga'at Economic Limited Partnership, made as of November 21, 2012, is in the public interest and is accepted for filing.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2013.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

L.F. Kelsey  
Commissioner