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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-123-14**

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

**Application by Casa Del Mila Oro Geothermal
for Approval of Rates, Tariff Terms and Conditions and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**

BEFORE: D.M. Morton, Panel Chair/Commissioner
C.A. Brown, Commissioner August 29, 2014
I.F. MacPhail, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On January 16, 2014, by Order G-6-14 following a complaint and hearing, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) found the person, or the person's lessee, trustee, receiver or liquidator who owns or operates the geothermal heating and cooling facilities known as Casa Del Mila Oro (CDMO) Geothermal to be a public utility as defined by the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA);
- B. On July 9, 2014, by Order G-89-14, the Commission directed CDMO Geothermal to file its schedule of rates and terms and conditions of service with the Commission for approval as soon as possible, but no later than July 16, 2014. The filing must also include a detailed justification of how the rates and terms established by it are not unjust, unreasonable or unduly discriminatory pursuant to section 59 of the UCA;
- C. On August 18, 2014, CDMO Geothermal applied to the Commission for approval of Rates, Tariff Terms and Conditions and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Application); and
- D. The Commission considers that establishing a preliminary Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. A preliminary Regulatory Timetable as set out in Appendix A to this Order is established.
- 2. Interveners and Interested Parties must register with the Commission, in writing or by electronic submission, by Friday, September 12, 2013. Interveners should specifically state the nature of their interest

in the Application and identify generally the nature of the issues that they may intend to pursue during the proceeding and the nature and extent of their anticipated involvement in the review process. A Participant's Guide to the B.C. Utilities Commission is available on the Commission web site at http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Guidelines/2011/DOC_3939_ParticipantGuide_July2002.pdf

3. In accordance with the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order, Intervener submissions must be received by September 12, 2014, on the following issues:
 - a. process options for the review of the Application, including:
 - a written hearing; and
 - a streamlined review process, a description of this process is available on the Commission website at http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Guidelines/2012/DOC_30215_03-12-Streamlined%20Review%20Process%20Guidelines.pdf. The Commission encourages participants supporting a streamlined review process and representing similar issues to work together;
 - b. draft regulatory timetable included in Appendix A, including dates for the proposed Procedural Information Session, Streamlined Review Process;
 - c. location of the streamlined review process (Vancouver, BC or Osoyoos, BC);
 - d. interest in attending the proposed procedural information session and a streamlined review process and preferred method of participation (e.g. teleconference, webcast, or in person); and
 - e. other matters that will assist the Commission to efficiently review all aspects of the Application.
4. Casa Del Mila Oro Geothermal shall post a copy of this Order in the Casa Del Mila Oro Resort.
5. After receiving Intervener Submissions, the Commission will issue a further procedural order and regulatory agenda for the review of the Application.
6. If Interveners support a streamlined review process for the review of the Application, the Commission proposes to hold an information session on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, to educate Interveners on how the streamlined review process works.

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7. The Application, together with any supporting materials, will be made available for inspection at 5401 Lakeshore Drive, Osoyoos, British Columbia and on the Commission website at www.bcuc.com.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 29th day of August of 2014.

BY ORDER

Original signed by

D.M. Morton
Panel Chair/Commissioner

Attachments

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PRELIMINARY REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2014)
Commission Information Request No. 1	September 8
Intervener Registration and Submissions	September 12
Interested Party Registration	September 12
CDMO Responses to Commission Information Request No. 1	September 22
Proposed Procedural Information Session	September 24
Proposed Streamlined Review Process	September 29



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

THE APPLICATION

On August 18, 2014, Casa Del Mila Oro (CDMO) Geothermal applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission for approval of Rates, Tariff Terms and Conditions and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Application).

THE REGULATORY PROCESS

British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) Order G-123-14 established a Preliminary Regulatory Timetable for the regulatory review of the Application.

The detailed Regulatory Timetable can be reviewed on the Commission's website at www.bcuc.com>Current Applications.

REGISTERING TO PARTICIPATE

Persons who wish to actively participate in this proceeding should register as Interveners the Commission's website at www.bcuc.com or in writing by Friday, September 12, 2014, and should identify the issues that they intend to pursue as well as the nature and extent of their anticipated involvement in the review process. Interveners should also indicate whether they plan to attend the proposed procedural information session and the streamlined review process. Interveners will receive email notice of all correspondence and filed documents. An email address should be provided if available.

Persons not expecting to actively participate, but who have an interest in the proceeding, should register as Interested Parties with the Commission in writing, by Friday, September 12, 2014, identifying their interest in the Application. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Commission's Decision when issued.

You may also send a letter of comment to the Commission Secretary. All submissions and/or correspondence received relating to the Application are provided to the Panel and all participants in the proceeding. Submissions are placed on the public record and posted to the Commission's website. By participating and/or providing comment on the Application, you agree that all submissions will be placed on the public record and posted on the Commission's website.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

The Application and supporting material will be made available for inspection at the following locations:

Casa Del Mila Oro Resort
5401 Lakeshore Drive
Osoyoos, BC

British Columbia Utilities Commission
Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

The Application and supporting material are also available for viewing on the Commission's website at:
<http://www.bcuc.com>

All submissions and/or correspondence received from active participants or the general public relating to the Application will be placed on the public record and posted to the Commission's website.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Ms. Erica Hamilton, Commission Secretary, as follows:

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