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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-8-15**

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

and

**British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application to Approve Burrard Thermal Generating Station Depreciation Rates**

BEFORE:

L. F. Kelsey, Commissioner
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner
K. A. Keilty, Commissioner
N. E. MacMurchy, Commissioner
I. F. MacPhail, Commissioner
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner
D. M. Morton, Commissioner
R. D. Revel, Commissioner

January 29, 2015

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 26, 2013 the Province of British Columbia announced its 10-year plan regarding British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) that included, among other things, a shutdown of Burrard Thermal Generating Station (Burrard Thermal) by 2016, other than those assets required for transmission support purposes;
- B. On March 6, 2014, B.C. Reg. 28/2014 enacted Direction No. 7 (Direction No. 7) to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) pursuant to section 3 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (Act);
- C. Directive 15(b) of Direction No. 7 requires the Commission, upon application by BC Hydro, to provide an order to set F2015 and F2016 depreciation rates for the classes of property, plant and equipment at Burrard Thermal as shown in Appendix B of Direction No. 7 (Attachment 1 of the Application);
- D. On March 7, 2014, BC Hydro filed an application, pursuant to the Act and Directions No. 6 and 7, which included the request for approval to defer the Burrard costs to the Non-Heritage Deferral Account (as defined in Direction No. 7);
- E. On March 24, 2014, the Commission issued Order G-48-14 in compliance with Direction No. 7, which approved BC Hydro's request to defer the Burrard costs to the Non-Heritage Deferral Account;

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- F. On December 19, 2014, BC Hydro filed an application, pursuant to section 3 of the Act and Direction No. 7, seeking a Commission order that would approve F2015 and F2016 depreciation rates for the classes of property, plant and equipment at Burrard Thermal (Application);
- G. The F2015 and F2016 depreciation rates, for which approval is sought, are prescribed by Appendix B of Direction No. 7; and
- H. The Commission reviewed the Application and finds it to be in compliance with Directive 15(b) and Appendix B of Direction No. 7.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Direction No. 7, Directive 15(b) and Section 3 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the British Columbia Utilities Commission approves British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's schedule of F2015 and F2016 depreciation rates for the classes of property, plant and equipment at Burrard Thermal Generating Station as shown in Attachment 1 of the Application.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 30th day of January 2015.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

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APPENDIX B – BURRARD DEPRECIATION RATES

Class of Property, Plant and Equipment at Burrard Thermal	F2015 Depreciation Rate (%/year)	F2016 Depreciation Rate (%/year)
C12101 Tracks, Railway	100.0%	N/A
C12401 Drainage System Yard	9.1%	10.0%
C21901 Roofs	9.1%	10.0%
C22001 Plant Concrete Steel	15.8%	18.8%
C22002 Comm Concrete Steel	9.1%	10.0%
C22005 Building, Comp Pool	9.1%	10.0%
C22006 Equipment Shelter	19.0%	23.5%
C22009 Building-HVAC Sys&Cp	10.1%	11.1%
C22101 Off Trailer/Mob Home	9.3%	10.0%
C23801 Cranes	9.1%	10.0%
C24402 Ramp, Boat/Barge	85.7%	100.0%
C25101 Structure Supp Steel	9.1%	10.0%
C25301 Foundations	9.1%	10.0%
C25401 Ducts & Trenches	9.1%	10.0%
C25601 Barriers & Enclos	20.0%	25.0%
C30101 Casing, Boiler	50.0%	100.0%
C30102 Insulation, Boiler	14.3%	16.7%
C30103 Roof, Boiler	50.0%	100.0%
C30203 Superheater HighTemp	50.0%	100.0%
C30204 Superheater Low Temp	54.5%	100.0%
C30205 Reheater, Boiler	50.0%	100.0%
C30301 Header / Drum	50.3%	100.0%
C30401 Valves, Safety	14.5%	17.0%
C30501 Piping, High Press	33.4%	41.5%
C30601 Fan, Forced Draft	50.0%	100.0%
C30602 Breaching / Flue Sys	54.5%	100.0%
C30603 Stack, Flue Gases	50.0%	100.0%
C30605 Burner, Fuel	50.0%	100.0%
C30606 Instrument, Boiler	51.3%	98.6%
C30607 DNU - Asbe Abatement	9.1%	10.0%
C30611 Desuperheater System	50.0%	100.0%
C30612 Refractory, Boiler	54.5%	100.0%
C30613 Boiler, Package	54.5%	100.0%

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C30701 Equip, Water Treat	50.0%	100.0%
C30801 Transfer Sys Ammonia	92.3%	100.0%
C30802 Water Sys Ammonia	92.3%	100.0%
C30803 Vapouriser, Ammonia	92.3%	100.0%
C30804 Comp Vapour, Ammonia	92.3%	100.0%
C30805 Piping Sys, Ammonia	50.0%	100.0%
C30901 Monitor Equip, Cem	54.5%	100.0%
C30903 Deliver Sys, Ammonia	55.5%	100.0%
C31001 Water Intk/DisStruct	9.1%	10.0%
C31002 Protection, Cathodic	9.1%	10.0%
C31003 Gates, Inlet/Outlet	9.1%	10.0%
C31005 Conduit, Intake/Disc	9.1%	10.0%
C33001 Heat Exch, Shell Tube	50.0%	100.0%
C33002 Pump And Motor	50.0%	100.0%
C33004 Condenser, Boiler	50.0%	100.0%
C34004 Turbine, Comp Pool	22.2%	28.5%
C34005 Coils, Stator	9.3%	10.3%
C34006 Rotor, Generator	9.1%	10.0%
C34007 Generator, Comp Pool	28.6%	40.1%
C34008 Supervisory Sys Turb	70.9%	55.8%
C34009 Cooling Sys Hydrogen	15.8%	18.7%
C34015 Turbine Blades Sets	31.7%	46.4%
C42004 Major Maint.-Rewedge	25.3%	33.8%
C42102 Exciter, Static	42.7%	74.6%
C46701 Heat Exchanger	50.0%	100.0%
C47201 Turbine, Gas	50.0%	100.0%
C47202 Major Maint.-Gas Tur	80.0%	100.0%
C48003 Generator, Composite	29.7%	42.3%
C48004 Generator, Diesel	25.8%	34.8%
C49001 Pump	44.4%	77.8%
C49002 Motor	12.3%	14.1%
C51001 Condensor, SyncRotary	9.1%	10.0%
C52104 Transformer, <100Mva	50.0%	100.0%
C52105 Transformer, Stn Ser	10.5%	10.0%
C52302 Reactor, Dry Type	99.9%	100.0%
C52405 Transformer, Curr, Com	35.3%	54.6%

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C52504 Trans, Volt, Encaps.	9.1%	10.0%
C54101 Breaker, Air/Magnetic	9.1%	10.0%
C54201 Use Ind Disconnect	20.0%	25.0%
C55401 Buswork & Str Conduct	9.1%	10.0%
C55501 Grounding Systems	9.1%	10.0%
C56001 Insulators	9.1%	10.0%
C59001 Power Supp Unit/terr	39.4%	65.1%
C59101 Regulator Feeder Circ	9.1%	10.0%
C59201 Charger System, Batt	13.3%	15.3%
C61001 Fencing	9.1%	10.0%
C61101 Alarm/Security Sys	9.1%	10.0%
C62001 Fire Protection Sys	12.0%	13.6%
C62501 Firefighting Equip	33.3%	50.0%
C65001 Panels/Cubicles, P&C	13.0%	14.9%
C67003 Contain Fac, Concret	9.1%	10.0%
C67005 Oil Spill Containmen	9.1%	10.0%
C68202 Term Unit, Rem(Slave)	23.1%	30.0%
C68204 Distributed Ctrl Sys	30.4%	42.9%
C68301 Radio, MW, Analog	9.1%	10.0%
C68901 Tele Equip, Pbx/Pax	100.0%	N/A
C70104 Instrumentation-Digi	9.1%	10.0%
C74001 Motor-Generator Sets	92.3%	100.0%
C75104 Compressor, Air	18.3%	21.3%
C75201 Tanks, Steel, Air/Fuel	9.1%	10.0%
C75202 Tank, Fibreglas, DblB	9.1%	10.0%
C75301 Water Supply System	9.1%	10.0%
C82504 Loader/Backhoe	8.3%	9.0%
C82513 Manlift	66.7%	100.0%
C82550 Tools/Work Equip Misc	12.3%	14.0%
C82551 DNU - Tools/Work Equ	21.7%	27.1%
C82601 Test/Calibration	43.9%	73.2%
C82603 Manufacturing/Test	24.4%	12.5%
C88002 Lab Equipment, Misc	30.8%	27.3%