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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-12-15**

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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application for Approval of Contracted Generator Baseline Guidelines
and Reconsideration and Variance of Order G-19-14

BEFORE: L. A. O'Hara, Panel Chair/Commissioner
R. D. Revel, Commissioner
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner
January 30, 2015

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 27, 2009, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Letter L-106-09 asking the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) to provide draft guidelines for the determination of Generator Baselines (GBLs);
- B. On June 20, 2012, BC Hydro submitted to the Commission, for information purposes only, an information report which, among other things, set out certain principles for establishing GBLs (2012 GBL Information Report). BC Hydro did not seek approval from the Commission for the GBL principles contained in that report;
- C. On November 2, 2012, BC Hydro filed an application with the Commission for Approval to Amend Tariff Supplement No. 74 Customer Baseline Load Determination Guidelines for Rate Schedule 1823 Customers with Self-Generation Facilities (TS 74 Application);
- D. The proposed amendments to TS 74 impacted GBLs for customers with contracted generating units (Contracted GBLs); however, the principles for setting Contracted GBLs were not addressed as part of the TS 74 Application. In that proceeding, BC Hydro stated that BC Hydro and the customer negotiate Contracted GBLs in accordance with the principles set out in the 2012 Information Report;
- E. On February 17, 2014, by Order G-19-14, the Commission made its final determination on the TS 74 Application and, pursuant to Directive 2, directed BC Hydro to file an application with the Commission for approval of updated GBL Guidelines to be incorporated into TS 74;
- F. On May 21, 2014, BC Hydro applied to the Commission for a reconsideration and variance of Order G-19-14 requesting that the Commission rescind Directive 2 (Phase 1 Reconsideration Application);

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- G. By Order G-106-14, dated July 25, 2014, the Commission denied BC Hydro's application to rescind Directive 2 as it related to BC Hydro's requirement to file an application with the Commission for approval of updated Contracted GBL Guidelines. However, the Commission accepted that there may be alternatives to filing the Contracted GBL Guidelines other than incorporating them into TS 74 and established Phase Two to reconsider Order G-106-14 as it relates to where the Contracted GBL Guidelines should reside (Phase 2 Reconsideration);
- H. Order G-106-14 also established that the Phase 2 Reconsideration will accept new evidence and new parties will be permitted to intervene;
- I. On December 12, 2014, BC Hydro filed its application for approval of Contracted GBL Guidelines in compliance with Order G-19-14 and the Phase 2 Reconsideration and Variance established by Order G-106-14 (the Application);
- J. By Order G-199-14, dated December 16, 2014, the Commission established an initial Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application;
- K. On January 20, 2015, BC Hydro filed a letter (BC Hydro Letter) which questioned the nature of Zellstoff Celgar Limited Partnership and FortisBC Inc.'s respective interests in the Application, as well as the extent of their anticipated involvement in the proceeding and the nature of the issues they intend to pursue;
- L. By letter dated January 29, 2015, the Commission asked interveners to not file their information requests for Friday, January 30, 2015, as directed by Order G-199-14; and
- M. The Commission finds that a procedural conference to hear submissions from stakeholders regarding BC Hydro's Letter is the most regulatory efficient means to proceed.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. A Procedural Conference will take place on Thursday, February 5, 2015, in the Commission Hearing Room located on the Twelfth Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver BC, immediately following the FortisBC Inc. Self-Generation Policy Application procedural conference scheduled to commence at 9 a.m.
- 2. The Regulatory Timetable established by Order G-199-14 is suspended until further notice. The Panel will issue a subsequent order following the Procedural Conference.

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

BY ORDER

Original Signed By:

L. A. O'Hara
Panel Chair/Commissioner