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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER R-49-15**

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

and

Rio Tinto Alcan
Application for Acceptance of a Mitigation Plan required for
Compliance with Mandatory Reliability Standard:
FAC-003-1 Requirement 2 - Violation ID: BCUC2015000559

BEFORE: D. M. Morton, Commissioner

November 2, 2015

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 125.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) assigns exclusive jurisdiction to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) to determine whether a "reliability standard," as defined in the UCA, is in the public interest and should be adopted in British Columbia. By Order G-123-09, the Commission approved the Compliance Monitoring Program (CMP) for monitoring and enforcement of adopted reliability standards and appointed the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) as its Administrator for registration and monitoring compliance as per section 8 of the UCA. WECC's role as Administrator for the BC Mandatory Reliability Standards (MRS) Program was renewed in the first amended Administration Agreement, dated August 21, 2014. The CMP was revised and updated by Commission Order R-34-15, dated June 3, 2015;
- B. Pursuant to section 5 of the CMP, an entity subject to approved Mandatory Reliability Standards found in Confirmed Violation of a reliability standard must prepare a Mitigation Plan (MP) to correct the Confirmed Violation or prepare a description of how the Confirmed Violation has been mitigated. An MP with respect to a Confirmed Violation must be submitted to the Administrator within ten days following confirmation by the Commission;
- C. An MP with respect to an Alleged Violation may be submitted at any time and the Commission encourages entities to mitigate all perceived instances of noncompliance upon detection;
- D. On May 27, 2015, Rio Tinto Alcan (RTA) submitted an MP (Version 0) to address the alleged violation of Reliability Standard FAC-003-1 R2 with the proposed completion date of October 15, 2015. Upon review, WECC did not consider the MP sufficient to bring RTA into compliance with the reliability standard and worked together with RTA to draft subsequent versions of the MP;

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- E. On June 16, 2015, the Commission issued Order R-36-15 confirming the Alleged Violation FAC-003-1 R2;
- F. On October 22, 2015, RTA submitted a subsequent MP (Version 4) to address the Confirmed Violation of Reliability Standard FAC-003-1 R2 with the proposed completion date of October 31, 2015;
- G. By email notification dated October 27, 2015, WECC recommended acceptance of the following MP to bring RTA into compliance with the Reliability Standard identified below:

Confirmed Violation	BCUC Violation ID	Date MP (Version 4) Submitted to WECC	Proposed Completion Date
FAC-003-1 R2	BCUC2015000559	October 22, 2015	October 31, 2015

- H. The Commission reviewed WECC's recommendation and considers acceptance is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 125.2(10) of the *Utilities Commission Act* and in accordance with the Compliance Monitoring Program, the British Columbia Utilities Commission accepts the Mitigation Plan with the completion date as identified above.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this day of November 2015.

BY ORDER

D. M. Morton
Commissioner