

**ORDER NUMBER
G-46-17**

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
F2017 to F2019 Revenue Requirements Application

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Commissioner / Panel Chair
D. J. Enns, Commissioner
K. A. Keilty, Commissioner

on March 23, 2017

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 28, 2016, pursuant to section 9(1) of Direction No. 7 to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) and sections 58 to 60, 89 and 90 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) submitted its Fiscal 2017 to Fiscal 2019 Revenue Requirements Application (RRA) requesting, among other things:
 - 1. final approval to increase rates by an average of 4.0 percent effective April 1, 2016 (F2017), 3.5 percent effective April 1, 2017 (F2018) and 3.0 percent effective April 1, 2018 (F2019); and
 - 2. final approval of the F2017, F2018 and F2019 Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) rates as set out in the RRA;
- B. On March 22, 2016, by Order G-40-16, the Commission approved Fiscal 2017 rates and Fiscal 2017 OATT rates on an interim and refundable basis effective April 1, 2016;
- C. The RRA proceeding is ongoing and to date there have been two rounds of information requests (IRs) to BC Hydro on the proposed rate increase and the OATT rates, and one round of IRs to interveners on intervener evidence;
- D. On March 1, 2017, BC Hydro filed an application (F2018 Interim Rates Application) for approval, effective April 1, 2017, of an interim 3.5 percent rate increase as set out in Appendix C and an interim OATT rates increase as set out in Appendix D of the F2018 Interim Rates Application;
- E. On March 16, 2017, by Order G-39-17, the Commission approved the 3.5 percent interim rate increase effective April 1, 2017 as set out in Appendix C; and

- F. The Commission has considered BC Hydro's request to increase OATT rates effective April 1, 2017, as set out in Appendix D, on an interim basis, and finds there to be sufficient prima facie evidence in the RRA proceeding to warrant approval.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to sections 58 to 60, 89 and 90 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders as follows:

1. Approval of an interim rate increase in British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's (BC Hydro) Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) rates, effective April 1, 2017, as reflected in the rate schedules filed in Appendix D of the F2018 Interim Rates Application.
2. The OATT rates approved by this order will remain interim until further order of the British Columbia Utilities Commission and are subject to refund with interest at BC Hydro's weighted average cost of debt.
3. BC Hydro must provide OATT customers with notification of the interim rate increase as soon as is practicable.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of March 2017.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner