



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**G-152-17**

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
Application Requesting Consent under section 63 of the *Utilities Commission Act* to  
Waive Certain Charges for Customers under Evacuation Orders and Evacuation Alerts

**BEFORE:**

W. M. Everett, Q.C. Commissioner  
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner  
R. I. Mason, Commissioner  
R. D. Revel, Commissioner

on October 5, 2017

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On September 14, 2017, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) under section 63 of the *Utilities Commission Act* for consent to waive certain charges for residential, general, irrigation, and street lighting service customers in BC Hydro's service territory subject to evacuation orders and alerts for the period starting May 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 (2017 British Columbia Wildfire Season) (Application);
- B. BC Hydro, among other things, is proposing to provide bill credits to residential, general service, irrigation, and street lighting customer accounts subject to evacuation orders (Evacuee Customers) for the Basic Charges, Energy Charges, and Street Lighting Rates as set out in the specific Rate Schedule under which Evacuee Customers are receiving service that would otherwise have applied in 2017 (Applicable Charges) during the period Evacuee Customers were under an evacuation order (Applicable Period). The revenue reduction will be to the account of the shareholder; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Application and considers that consent is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to section 63 of the *Utilities Commission Act*:

1. The Commission hereby consents to BC Hydro waiving Applicable Charges to Evacuee Customers and certain other customers by:
  - (a) Providing a credit for the Applicable Charges that would otherwise have applied during the Applicable Period to Evacuee Customers;

