



ORDER NUMBER
G-52-19

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

and

Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc.
Application for a Fuel Cost Adjustment Charge Rate Rider

BEFORE:

T. A. Loski, Commissioner/Panel Chair
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner
R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on March 8, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 28, 2019, Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. (CEV) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) a Fuel Cost Adjustment Charge (FCAC) Rate Rider application (Application), seeking approval of an FCAC Rate Rider of \$4.80 per thousand pounds steam (M#), effective March 1, 2019;
- B. CEV estimates that the forecast balance of the Fuel Charge Stabilization Account (FCSA) at the end of February 2019 is approximately \$8.7 million or 37 percent of the rolling 12-month total fuel costs. CEV submits that the proposed FCAC Rate Rider has been calculated based on an 18-month amortization of the current balance in the FCSA, and is targeted to reduce the balance in the FCSA to 5 percent of a rolling 12-month total of fuel costs over a period of 18 months, on a forecast basis, pursuant to the BCUC's decision and accompanying Order G-167-16 regarding CEV's 2016-2017 Revenue Requirements Application and Rate Design for Northeast False Creek Hot Water Service (2016-2017 RRA).
- C. In its decision and accompanying Order G-205-18, dated October 25, 2018, the BCUC directed CEV file for approval of the amortization period for the FCSA at the time it files the FCAC rate change applications with the BCUC in the format directed in the 2016-2017 RRA decision;
- D. By Order G-213-18, dated November 8, 2018, the BCUC approved a FCAC rate of \$13.75 per M#;
- E. The BCUC has reviewed the FCAC Application with respect to Orders G-167-16 and G-205-18, and considers that interim approval is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to sections 61(4) and 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC orders the following:

1. The Fuel Cost Adjustment Charge Rate Rider of \$4.80/M# is approved on an interim and refundable basis, effective March 1, 2019;
2. A public written hearing process is established, in accordance with the Regulatory Timetable as set out in Appendix A to this order;
3. Creative Energy is directed to publish on its website the Application, this order and the regulatory timetable, and to provide a copy of the same to all customers and parties who participated in the 2018-2022 Revenue Requirements Application (2018-2022 RRA) and the City of Vancouver, by Friday, March 15, 2019. Creative Energy must also publish notice of this Application on its Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook social media platforms by March 15, 2019;
4. Members of the public are invited to make submissions on the Application by the date established in the Regulatory Timetable, attached as Appendix A to this order. Submissions must be filed in the [Letter of Comment Form](#) available on the BCUC website. Other parties who wish to actively participate in the proceeding are to register with the BCUC by completing a [Request to Intervene Form](#) by the date established in the Regulatory Timetable and in accordance with the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure attached to Order G-15-19.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of March 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski,
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2019)
Creative Energy notice of Application to customers and registered parties in the 2018-2022 RRA	Friday, March 15
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to Creative Energy	Friday, March 15
Intervener Registration	Friday, March 22
Intervener IR No. 1 to Creative Energy	Wednesday, March 27
Creative Energy responses to BCUC IR No. 1	Friday, March 29
Submissions on Application from members of the public	Wednesday, April 3
Creative Energy responses to Intervener IR No. 1	Wednesday, April 10
Further Process	To be determined