



ORDER NUMBER

R-9-19

IN THE MATTER OF

the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

Conifex Power Limited Partnership

Application for Deregistration with the Mandatory Reliability Standards Program

BEFORE:

W. M. Everett, QC, Commissioner

on March 27, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 15, 2019, the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), acting as the Administrator for the British Columbia Mandatory Reliability Standards Program (BC MRS Program), issued a Recommendation for Deregistration (Recommendation) of Conifex Power Limited Partnership (Conifex) for the functions of Generator Owner (GO) and Generator Operator (GOP);
- B. Section 125.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) assigns exclusive jurisdiction to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) to determine whether a “reliability standard,” as defined in the UCA, is in the public interest and should be adopted in BC. On June 4, 2009, the BCUC issued Order G-67-09 specifying that entities subject to reliability standards must register with the BCUC;
- C. In accordance with the Administration Agreement between WECC and the BCUC, dated September 8, 2009 and renewed August 21, 2014, WECC makes registration recommendations in its role as the BCUC’s Administrator for the BC MRS Program;
- D. Order R-40-17, dated September 1, 2017, approved the most recent version of the Rules of Procedure for Reliability Standards in British Columbia (ROP) Appendix 1: Registration Manual which states that every owner, operator and user of an element of the Bulk Electric System (BES), as that term is defined in the North American Electric Reliability Corporation Glossary of Terms and adopted by the BCUC, is a candidate for registration with the BC MRS Program;
- E. On December 7, 2018, WECC issued a Recommendation for Registration of Conifex for the functions of GO and GOP and by Order R-5-19 dated February 14, 2019, Conifex was registered for the functions of GO and GOP with the BC MRS Program;
- F. Conifex subsequently submitted additional information concerning its operations and requested that WECC review Conifex for exemption as an Exclusion E2 of the BES Definition;

- G. WECC engaged in telephone dialogue with Conifex and issued data requests to Conifex in further consideration of the additional information provided. WECC concluded that Conifex qualifies as an Exclusion E2 of the BES Definition and does not need to be registered with the BC MRS Program for the functions of GO and GOP;
- H. By letter dated March 15, 2019 to the BCUC and copied to Conifex, WECC informed the BCUC of its recommendation to deregister Conifex for the functions of GO and GOP;
- I. By letter dated March 20, 2019 and as prescribed by Section 2.3 of the ROP Registration Manual, Conifex submitted a response to the WECC Recommendation to the BCUC stating that it agreed with the deregistration recommendation of Conifex by WECC and had no further comments at this time; and
- J. The BCUC reviewed WECC's Recommendation as well as the additional information submitted by Conifex and considers acceptance of WECC's Recommendation for deregistration is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to section 125.2(10) of the UCA and in accordance with the Registration Manual that is Appendix 1 to the ROP, the BCUC approves deregistration of Conifex for the GO and GOP functions. Conifex is not required to demonstrate compliance with Mandatory Reliability Standards approved for British Columbia at this time and Conifex is required to contact the BCUC should its operations change.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this *27th* day of March 2019.

BY ORDER

Original Signed By:

W. M. Everett, QC
Commissioner