



ORDER NUMBER
G-82-19

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Transmission Service Freshet Energy Rate Schedule 1892 Extension Application

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on 15 April 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On April 8, 2019, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) an application requesting approval for an extension of the previously approved RS 1892 – Transmission Service – Freshet Energy Rate effective May 1, 2019 until December 31, 2019 (Application);
- B. As part of the 2015 Rate Design Application (RDA) filed on September 24, 2015, BC Hydro sought approval for a new optional rate schedule (RS) 1892 – Transmission Service – Freshet Energy, which provides participating customers market pricing for incremental consumption during the freshet period (May 1 to July 31 inclusive) on a pilot basis ending December 31, 2017 (the Freshet Rate Pilot). RS 1892 was approved by BCUC Order G-17-16. BC Hydro was also directed to file three Freshet Rate Pilot evaluation reports: two preliminary reports and one final report;
- C. On December 8, 2016, in compliance with BCUC Order G-17-16, BC Hydro filed its preliminary Freshet Rate Pilot evaluation report for year one (Appendix D to the report was filed on January 27, 2017);
- D. On December 8, 2017, BC Hydro, along with the submission of its preliminary Freshet Rate Pilot evaluation report for year two, applied for approval, pursuant to sections 58 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, for an extension of the termination date of RS 1892 - Transmission Service - Freshet Energy to include a third year so that the rate schedule would now expire on December 31, 2018. BC Hydro also proposed to extend the timeline for filing the final Freshet Rate Pilot evaluation report from spring 2018, as outlined in the 2015 RDA, to fall 2018. By Order G-45-18, the BCUC approved the requested extension of the rate and also the proposed timing of the final evaluation report;
- E. BC Hydro filed its Freshet Rate Pilot evaluation report on December 17, 2018;
- F. The timeline for consideration of the Application is compressed to allow time for signup to a 2019 Freshet Rate Pilot if it is approved; and

- G. The BCUC has considered the Application and concludes that a compressed regulatory timetable to review the Application should be established.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. The regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is established, as set out in Appendix A of this order.
2. RS 1892 – Transmission Service – Freshet, is extended, on a temporary basis, until such time as the BCUC has conducted this proceeding on the Application and issues a final Order on this matter.
3. BC Hydro is directed to provide the Application and this order immediately following issuance to all parties who made submissions regarding RS 1892 as part of the 2015 RDA proceeding.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of April 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan
Commissioner

Attachment

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Transmission Service Freshet Rate Pilot
Application for Extension Application

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2019)
Parties may submit comments on BC Hydro's one-year extension request for RS 1892	Friday, April 26
BC Hydro reply to comments, if any	Friday, May 10
Further process	To be determined