



ORDER NUMBER
G-142-19

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

and

Nelson Hydro
2019 Rural Rate Application

BEFORE:

R. I. Mason, Panel Chair
A. K. Fung, QC, Commissioner
T. A. Loski, Commissioner

on June 25, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 8, 2019, Nelson Hydro filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of a 2.94 percent general rate increase to all rural customer classes, effective April 1, 2019 (Application);
- B. Nelson Hydro is owned and operated by the City of Nelson and is exempt from regulation under the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) to the extent it is serving customers within its municipal boundaries. Accordingly, the BCUC's review of the Application pertains solely to Nelson Hydro's non-municipal, or rural, ratepayers;
- C. By Order G-60-19, the BCUC approved Nelson Hydro's requested 2.94 percent rate increase that applies to all rural customer classes on an interim and refundable basis, effective April 1, 2019. The BCUC also established an initial regulatory timetable by Order G-70-19, which included intervener and interested party registration and one round of BCUC and intervener information requests (IR);
- D. By Order G-111-19, the BCUC amended the regulatory timetable which included a second round of IRs with further process to be determined; and
- E. The Panel has reviewed Nelson Hydro's responses to IR No. 2 and considers that a written final argument process is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC establishes the remainder of the regulatory timetable, attached as Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 25th day of June 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2019)
Nelson Hydro Written Final Argument	Thursday, July 4
Intervener Written Final Argument	Thursday, July 11
Nelson Hydro Written Reply Argument	Thursday, July 18