



ORDER NUMBER
G-147-19

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

and

River District Energy
2020–2023 Rates Application

BEFORE:

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair
E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner

on July 4, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 10, 2019, River District Energy (RDE) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of a 3.94 percent general rate increase to all customers (Application);
- B. On June 27, 2019 RDE amended the Application, stating the requested approval of a 3.94 percent general rate increase is to be effective January 1, 2020; and
- C. The BCUC has commenced review of the Application and considers that establishing a written public hearing process and a regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A written public hearing process is established for the review of the Application, in accordance with the regulatory timetable set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 2. In accordance with the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure attached as Appendix A to Order G-15-19, parties who wish to participate in this proceeding may submit a letter of comment, register as an interested party, or request intervenor status. Parties requesting intervenor status must register with the BCUC by completing a [Request to Intervene Form](#) available on the BCUC's website by the date established in the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to this order. Parties requesting intervenor status are to specifically state the nature of their interest in the Application and to generally identify the issues they intend to pursue and the extent of their anticipated involvement in the proceeding. Parties who wish to submit a Letter of Comment must use the [Letter of Comment Form](#) available on the BCUC website.
- 3. By July 15, 2019, RDE must:

- a. Provide the Notice of Application attached as Appendix B to this order, and a copy of this order and regulatory timetable, electronically where possible to all RDE customers, and distribute to customers via each customer building manager by posting on notice boards;
- b. Post a Notice of Application, attached as Appendix B, to this order at all major entryways of each RDE customer site, the River District Neighbourhood Centre and the River District Sales Centre; and
- c. Publish a notification of this process through RDE's social media platforms.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of July 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski
Commissioner

Attachment

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2020–2023 Rates Application

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2019)
RDE to provide notice of the Application	Monday, July 15
Intervener registration deadline	Wednesday, July 24
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1	Thursday, July 25
Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, Aug 1
RDE response to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 1	Friday, August 16
RDE Final Argument	Friday, August 30
Intervener Final Argument	Friday, September 6
RDE Reply Argument	Friday, September 13



PUBLIC NOTICE

River District Energy 2020 – 2023 Rate Application

On June 10, 2019, River District Energy (RDE) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of an annual 3.94 percent general rate increase to all customers for the years 2019 – 2023. On June 27, 2019 RDE amended the application, stating the requested approval of an annual 3.94 percent general rate increase is to be effective January 1, 2020 for the years 2020 – 2023. More information on the application can be found at www.bcuc.com on our “Current Proceedings” page.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

There are a number of ways to participate in a matter before the BCUC:

- **Submit a letter of comment**
- **Register as an interested party**
- **Request intervenor status**

For more information, or to find the forms for any of the options above, please visit our website or contact us at the information below.

<http://www.bcuc.com/forms/request-to-intervene.aspx>

All submissions received, including letters of comment, are placed on the public record, posted on the BCUC’s website and provided to the Panel and all participants in the proceeding.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Wednesday, July 24, 2019** – Deadline to register as an intervenor with the BCUC
- **Thursday, August 1, 2019** – Deadline for intervenors to submit Information requests

GET MORE INFORMATION

All documents filed on the public record are available on the “Current Proceedings” page of the BCUC’s website at www.bcuc.com.

If you would like to review the material in hard copy, or if you have any other inquiries, please contact Patrick Wruck, Commission Secretary, at the following contact information.

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