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# ORDER NUMBER G-151-19

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

and

CB Powerline Ltd.
Application for an exemption pursuant to section 88(3) of the *Utilities Commission Act* 

### **BEFORE:**

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair C. M. Brewer, Commissioner W. M. Everett, QC, Commissioner

on July 8, 2019

# **ORDER**

#### WHEREAS:

- A. On June 13, 2019, CB Powerline Ltd. (CBP) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for an exemption from all of Part 3 of the *Utilities Commission* Act (UCA), pursuant to section 88(3) of the UCA, with respect to the proposed provision of electricity to the community of Cosens Bay, Regional District of North Okanagan, British Columbia (Application);
- B. CBP was founded with the purpose of providing electricity supply to the community of Cosens Bay;
- C. CBP intends to apply to the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) for a Primary Service Connection to BC Hydro's 25 kV distribution system. CBP would in turn construct and operate an electricity distribution system to provide year-round electricity supply to the Cosens Bay community; and
- D. The BCUC considers that establishing a public hearing process is warranted for the review of the Application.

# **NOW THEREFORE** the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. The public hearing process is established as set out in the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to this order.
- 2. CBP must provide notice of the Application and a copy of this order to affected parties and potentially affected parties. This includes but is not limited to potential customers and all other residents of the Cosens Bay community, BC Hydro, FortisBC Inc., BC Parks, the Regional District of North Okanagan and First Nations present in the region by no later than July 25, 2019.

- 3. CBP must display notice of the Application, including the Public Notice of the Application set out in Appendix B to this order, in a prominent location within Cosens Bay by no later than July 25, 2019.
- 4. Parties who wish to participate in the regulatory proceeding are to register with the BCUC by completing a Request to Intervene Form by the date established in the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to this order 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski Commissioner

**Attachments** 

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# **REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

Action	Date 2019
CBP is to provide notice of the Application and a copy of this order to affected and potentially affected parties	Thursday, July 25
CBP display the Notice of the Application	Thursday, July 25
Intervener registration deadline	Thursday, August 22
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1	Thursday, August 29
Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, September 5
CBP response to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, October 3
CBP and Intervener submissions on further process	Thursday, October 17
Further process	To be determined



# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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# **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 intervener 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.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

 Intervener registration Persons who are directly or sufficiently affected by the BCUC's decision or have relevant information or expertise and that wish to actively participate in the proceeding can request intervener status by submitting a completed Request to Intervene Form by August 22, 2019.

# **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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