



ORDER NUMBER
R-17-19

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Mandatory Reliability Standard Assessment Report No. 12
Addressing Reliability Standards for Adoption in British Columbia

BEFORE:

W. M. Everett, QC, Panel Chair
A. K. Fung, QC, Commissioner

on September 3, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 1, 2019 and pursuant to section 125.2(3) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) submitted to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) Mandatory Reliability Standards (MRS) Assessment Report No. 12 (Report) assessing two new and eleven revised reliability standards and retiring two reliability standards;
- B. Pursuant to section 125.2(5) of the UCA, if the BCUC receives a report under section 125.2(3) of the UCA, the BCUC must make the report available to the public in a reasonable manner, and for a reasonable period of time and consider any comments in response to the report;
- C. By Order R-14-19 dated June 10, 2019, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the review of the Report and invited MRS registered entities (Entities) to comment on the Report, and specifically requested Entities to comment on any foreseen compliance issues with Reliability Standard PRC-025-2;
- D. The BCUC received letters of comment from Dokie General Partnership, Jimmie Creek Limited Partnership and Toba Montrose General Partnership and FortisBC Inc. (FortisBC);
- E. Dokie General Partnership, Jimmie Creek Limited Partnership and Toba Montrose General Partnership submit that they foresee significant compliance costs in order to be fully compliant with PRC-025-2 and recommend, amongst other things, that the BCUC consider further revisions to the Standard. FortisBC states it had no concerns being fully compliant with PRC-025-2;
- F. In its reply to public comments, BC Hydro states it had previously consulted with BC MRS Entities and was unaware of any concerns regarding PRC-025-2 and as such, recommends that this standard is suitable for adoption in BC;

- G. On August 7, 2019, the BCUC issued BCUC Information Request No. 1 to BC Hydro;
- H. On August 28, 2019, Dokie General Partnership, Jimmie Creek Limited Partnership and Toba Montrose General Partnership submitted a letter of comment to augment their initial response to the Report and state that they foresee significant compliance costs in order to be fully compliant with PRC-025-2 and recommend, amongst other things, that the BCUC consider further revisions to the Standard;
- I. On August 28, 2019, BC Hydro submitted its response to BCUC Information Request No. 1 and states in its covering letter that the argument phase of this proceeding, currently scheduled for September 4, 11 and 18, 2019, may not be necessary as FortisBC, being the only registered intervener in this proceeding, has previously confirmed it has no additional comments on the Report;
- J. BC Hydro submits that any compliance relief process requested by Dokie General Partnership, Jimmie Creek Limited Partnership and Toba Montrose General Partnership should be addressed by the BCUC in a separate process, if required;
- K. On September 3, 2019, FortisBC provided its comments on the regulatory timetable for the conclusion of the Report, and states that it agrees with BC Hydro's comments and further confirms that it does not intend to file final argument in the proceeding; and
- L. The BCUC has considered BC Hydro's responses to BCUC Information Request No. 1 and the further letter of comment submitted by Dokie General Partnership, Jimmie Creek Limited Partnership and Toba Montrose General Partnership and FortisBC's comments on the regulatory timetable and considers an amendment to the regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE, the BCUC orders that the final argument phase of this proceeding currently scheduled for September 4, 11 and 18, 2019, as previously established pursuant to Order R-16-19 dated July 26, 2019, is unnecessary and as such, the regulatory timetable for this proceeding is amended to remove the final argument phase.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this *3rd* day of September 2019.

BY ORDER

Original Signed By:

W. M. Everett, QC
Commissioner