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ORDER NUMBER G-240-19

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

and

British Columbia Utilities Commission Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair C. M. Brewer, Commissioner A. K. Fung, QC, Commissioner E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner

on October 7, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 11, 2019, by Order in Council (OIC) No. 108, made pursuant to section 5(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), the Lieutenant Governor in Council directed the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) to advise the Lieutenant Governor in Council respecting the regulation of Indigenous utilities in accordance with the terms of reference set out in section 3 of OIC No. 108 (Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry);
- B. Section 3 of OIC No. 108 also provides that the BCUC must submit reports to the minister responsible for the Hydro and Power Authority Act, as follows:
 - 1. An interim report describing the BCUC's progress to date and the BCUC's preliminary findings must be submitted no later than December 31, 2019; and
 - 2. A final report describing the results of consultations undertaken by the BCUC and the BCUC's findings and recommendations must be submitted no later than January 31, 2020;
- C. By Order G-62-19 dated March 19, 2019, the BCUC established the Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry;
- D. By Order G-214-19 dated September 6, 2019, the BCUC issued a regulatory timetable for the Inquiry; and
- E. The BCUC considers that an amendment to the regulatory timetable for the Inquiry is warranted

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC amends the regulatory timetable established by Order G-214-19. The amended regulatory timetable is attached as Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of October 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton Commissioner

Attachment

British Columbia Utilities Commission Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2019)
Draft report issued for comment	Friday, November 1
Workshop – Prince George, Coast Inn of the North	Monday, November 18
Workshop – Kelowna, Sandman Hotel	Thursday, November 21
Workshop – Vancouver, Allwest Reporting (12 th Floor, 1125 Howe St)	Wednesday, November 27
Workshop – Nanaimo, Coast Bastion Hotel	Thursday, November 28
Workshop ¹ – Victoria, Comfort Inn & Suites	Friday, November 29
Workshop ¹ – Smithers, Hudson Bay Lodge	Monday, December 9, 2019
Participant comments on draft report	Tuesday, December 31, 2019
Interim Report issued to minister responsible for the <i>Hydro and Power Authority Act</i>	Tuesday, December 31, 2019
Final Report issued to minister responsible for the Hydro and Power Authority Act	Friday, January 31, 2020

¹Please note that the Victoria and Smithers workshops are additions since the last regulatory timetable.

Format of the Workshops

Each workshop will begin with a BCUC Panel or staff presentation providing an overview of the Inquiry's Draft Report. Following the presentation, staff will be available to answer any initial questions. Participants will then divide into smaller groups to work through the report and collect thoughts and suggestions with support from BCUC Staff and Four Directions Management Services as facilitators.

Later in the sessions, each small group will select a representative to present a summary of its feedback to the Panel. Individuals will also have an opportunity to address the Panel and add any items that are not captured in the group summary. The feedback to the Panel will be transcribed by Allwest Reporting and transcripts will be added to the Inquiry's proceeding page on https://www.bcuc.com/.