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## ORDER NUMBER G-293-19

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application to Amend Net Metering Service under Rate Schedule 1289

#### **BEFORE:**

D. A. Cote, Panel Chair R. I. Mason, Commissioner R. D. Revel, Commissioner

on November 19, 2019

### **ORDER**

## **WHEREAS:**

- A. On April 29, 2019, the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application to seek approval from the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) to, among other things, amend the Availability, Billing and Rate provisions in Rate Schedule 1289 (Application);
- B. By Order G-103-19A, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, which included one round of BCUC information requests (IRs) and one round of intervener IRs, followed by BC Hydro and intervener submissions on further process. The regulatory timetable was amended by Order G-144-19 and Order G-185-19;
- C. By September 3, 2019, the BCUC received submissions on further process from BC Hydro, BC Community Solar Coalition, BC Sustainable Energy Association, BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al., Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia, City of Fort St. John, Net Metering Ratepayer Group (NMRG), and Mr. Hadland;
- D. By Order G-217-19A dated September 16, 2019, the BCUC established the remainder of the regulatory timetable for the review of the Application;
- E. By letter dated November 6, 2019, the NMRG requested an extension to the deadline for filing intervener evidence from November 7, 2019 to November 22, 2019;
- F. By Order G-276-19 dated November 7, 2019, the BCUC amended the regulatory timetable, which included an extension to the deadline for filing intervener evidence to November 14, 2019;
- G. On November 12, 2019, the Net Metering Ratepayer Group (NMRG) filed an application seeking reconsideration of the length of the extension granted for filing intervener evidence in the proceeding to review the Application. Specifically, NMRG sought amongst other relief, an extension of the deadline for

filing of intervener evidence from November 14, 2019 to November 25, 2019 for NMRG and other affected parties (Reconsideration Application);

- H. By Order G-281-19 dated November 13, 2019, the BCUC suspended the review of the Application pending the outcome of the Reconsideration Application;
- I. By Order G-292-19 dated November 19, 2019, the BCUC orders that the Reconsideration Application by the Net Metering Ratepayer Group be allowed in part and the deadline for the filing of intervener evidence in the Application be extended to November 25, 2019; and
- J. The BCUC considers it is appropriate to resume the proceeding to review the Application.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Panel orders that the proceeding be resumed and amends the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to this order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019.

**BY ORDER** 

Original signed by:

D. A. Cote Commissioner

Attachment

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# **REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

Action	Date (2019)	
Intervener Evidence	Monday, November 25	
BCUC, BC Hydro and Intervener Information Requests (IR) on Intervener Evidence	Monday, December 9	
Intervener response to BCUC, BC Hydro and Intervener IRs on Intervener Evidence	Monday, December 23	
Action	Without Rebuttal Evidence Date (2020)	With Rebuttal Evidence Date (2020)
BC Hydro Rebuttal Evidence	N/A	Thursday, January 9
BCUC and Intervener IRs on BC Hydro Rebuttal Evidence	N/A	Thursday, January 23
BC Hydro response to BCUC and Intervener IRs on BC Hydro Rebuttal Evidence	N/A	Thursday, February 13
BC Hydro Final Argument	Thursday, January 16	Thursday, February 27
Interveners Final Argument	Thursday, January 30	Thursday, March 12
BC Hydro Reply Argument	Thursday, February 13	Thursday, March 26