



ORDER NUMBER
G-129-20A

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

and

Catalyst Paper Corporation
Request to Reduce Rate Schedule 1893 Baselines

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on May 29, 2020

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 21, 2020, pursuant to sections 58 to 61, 89 and 90 of the *Utilities Commission Act* and section 15 of the *Administrative Tribunals Act*, Catalyst Paper Corporation (Catalyst) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) a request to reduce Rate Schedule (RS) 1893 Baselines at Catalyst (Application);
- B. In the Application, Catalyst seeks BCUC approval for adjustments to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) RS 1893 customer High Load Hours (HLH) baseline, Low Load Hours (LLH) baseline and Monthly Reference Demand (Demand) at Crofton and Port Alberni sites for the June to August 2020 billing periods;
- C. Catalyst submits that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a dramatic reduction in demand for pulp and paper and as a result, Catalyst has had to curtail production at its facilities resulting in electricity consumption much lower than its HLH and LLH baselines. An interim adjustment to its baselines and Demand would allow it adequate time to realize new market opportunities;
- D. Pursuant to the Tariff Supplement No. 74 Customer Baseline Load (CBL) Determination Guidelines, all CBLs are subject to final approval by the BCUC;
- E. Catalyst requests that the baseline and Demand tables in the Application be held in confidence as they contain commercially sensitive information; and
- F. The BCUC considers interim approval of the Application is warranted and that a public hearing for the review of the Application and the establishment of a regulatory timetable is also warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. The HLH baseline, LLH baseline and Demand adjustments, as set out in the Application, are approved on an interim and refundable basis, effective June 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020, or until further BCUC order.
2. A regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is attached as Appendix A to this Order.
3. Any party wishing to provide comments on the Application should provide its submission to the BCUC in writing, with a copy to BC Hydro, by Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Letters of comment must be in the Letter of Comment Form available on the BCUC's website at <https://www.bcuc.com/forms/letter-of-comment.aspx>.
4. The BCUC will hold confidential the baseline load tables in the Application as they contain commercially sensitive information.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 10th day of June 2020.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan
Commissioner

Catalyst Paper Corporation
Short Notice Request to Reduce RS1893 Baselines at Catalyst Paper

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2020)
Deadline to submit Letters of Comments	Tuesday, June 9
BCUC Information Request (IR) No.1 to Catalyst Paper Corporation (Catalyst)	Friday, June 12
Catalyst response to BCUC IR No.1	Friday, June 19
Further process	To be determined