



**ORDER NUMBER
G-233-20**

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

and

Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc.
Application for Heating Rates for the Heating Thermal Energy System and Cooling Rates for the District Cooling
System at the Vancouver House Development

BEFORE:

T.A. Loski, Panel Chair
E.B. Lockhart, Commissioner

on September 14, 2020

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 2, 2019, Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. (Creative Energy) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for the approval of rates, terms and conditions of service and a Revenue Deficiency Deferral Account (RDDA) effective November 1, 2019, for its provision of thermal energy heating service at the Vancouver House Development (Development) in the South Downtown area of Vancouver (Heating Application);
- B. By Order G-260-19 dated October 28, 2019, the BCUC, among other things, approved Creative Energy's rates for the provision of heating service at the Development on an interim and refundable basis, effective November 1, 2019;
- C. By Order G-264-19 dated October 31, 2019, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the review of the Heating Application, which included, among other things, intervenor registration, and one round of information requests (IRs);
- D. On December 20, 2019, Creative Energy submitted responses to BCUC IR No. 1, and sought approval to summarize its final detailed accounting and verification of the costs of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Heating thermal energy system (TES) when the system is complete;
- E. The BCUC considered the Heating Application, evidence and submissions from all parties filed in the proceeding, and by Order G-9-20, dated January 16, 2020, adjourned the proceeding until July 31, 2020 pending Creative Energy's filing of a final detailed accounting and verification of the costs of Phase 1 and 2 of the Heating TES and an evidentiary update containing an application for multi-year permanent rates;
- F. By letter dated July 30, 2020, Creative Energy filed a request to the BCUC for an extension to the evidentiary update and application for multi-year permanent rates to no later than August 31, 2020 in an effort to align

the deadline with the expected final completion and commissioning of Building 4 in the Development, and to support including with the evidentiary update the final cost report into the Heating TES. The BCUC granted the extension request;

- G. On August 27, 2020, Creative Energy filed an evidentiary update and an application for multi-year permanent rates for the Heating TES at the Development (Heating Evidentiary Update);
- H. On August 11, 2020, Creative Energy applied to the BCUC seeking, among other things, interim and permanent approval for rates, terms and conditions for service as set out in the Customer Service Agreement, and RDDA and a Regulatory Cost Variance Deferral Account, for its provision of cooling service at the Development in the South Downtown area of Vancouver (Cooling Application);
- I. By Order G-225-20 dated August 31, 2020, the BCUC, among other things, approved Creative Energy's rates, for the provision of cooling service at the Development on an interim and refundable basis;
- J. As part of the Cooling Application and Heating Evidentiary Update, Creative Energy requested the Cooling Application be heard at the same time as the Heating Application; and
- K. The BCUC has commenced review of the Heating Application, including the Heating Evidentiary Update, and the Cooling Application (collectively Applications) and considers that regulatory efficiency warrants that both applications be heard at the same time.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. The Applications will be heard at the same time.
- 2. The preliminary regulatory timetable for the review of the Applications is established, as set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 3. Creative Energy is directed to provide the public notice, attached as Appendix B to this order, accompanied by this order and the Regulatory Timetable, as set out in Appendix A to this order, as well as a copy of the Applications to all affected customers of the Development by September 17, 2020. In addition, Creative Energy is directed to post a notification of this public notice in all major entry ways to the Development as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than September 17, 2020.
- 4. Creative Energy is directed to file confirmation of its public notification process outlined above to the BCUC by September 17, 2020.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of September 2020.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski
Commissioner

Attachments

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2020)
Creative Energy to provide confirmation of public notification to the BCUC	Thursday, September 17
Intervener Registration	Thursday, September 24
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 2 to Creative Energy	Thursday, October 8
Intervener IR No. 2 to Creative Energy	Thursday, October 15
Creative Energy Responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 2	Thursday, November 5
Further process	To be determined



We want to hear from you

CREATIVE ENERGY HEATING AND COOLING RATES APPLICATION FOR THE VANCOUVER HOUSE DEVELOPMENT

On October 2, 2019 and August 11, 2020 respectively, Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. (Creative Energy) filed applications with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for the approval of rates for its heating service and cooling service for thermal energy services at the Vancouver House Development (Development).

The BCUC has approved, on an interim and refundable basis, heating rates, effective November 1, 2019, and cooling rates, in effect pending the start of cooling service, for the Development. The BCUC has combined Creative Energy's applications for a joint review process.

Any parties who wish to participate in the BCUC's regulatory review process is invited to register as interveners or submit a letter of comment. All submissions will be considered by the Panel in its review of the Applications. For more information about the Application, please visit the BCUC's website (www.bcuc.com). All documents filed on the public record are available on our [Current Proceedings](#) webpage.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- **Submit a letter of comment**
- **Register as an interested party**
- **Request intervener status**

IMPORTANT DATES

1. **Thursday, September 24, 2020** – Deadline to register as an intervener with the BCUC

For more information on getting involved, please visit our website (www.bcuc.com/get-involved) or contact us at the information below.

GET MORE INFORMATION

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