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ORDER NUMBER G-251-20

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Review of the Performance Based Regulation Report

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair A. K. Fung, QC, Commissioner E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on October 6, 2020

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 25, 2019, the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed its Fiscal 2020 to Fiscal 2021 (F2020-F2021) Revenue Requirements Application (RRA) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC);
- B. Directive 28 of the BCUC's decision on the F2017-F2019 RRA directed BC Hydro to provide a report to the BCUC that discusses, among other things, the opportunities and challenges associated with the adoption of Performance Based Regulation (PBR) at BC Hydro and a possible approach to adopting PBR (PBR Report);
- C. BC Hydro provided the PBR Report as part of its F2020-F2021 RRA along with two expert reports regarding the matter as Appendices FF and GG to the F2020-F2021 RRA;
- D. On October 11, 2019, by Order G-244-19, the BCUC directed that the PBR Report will not be reviewed as part of the review of the F2020-F2021 RRA and by Order G-245-19, dated October 11, 2019, the BCUC established a proceeding for the review of the PBR Report and related materials;
- E. On October 11, 2019 by Order G-246-19, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the review of the PBR Report and related materials;
- F. On December 12, 2019, following the procedural conference held on November 22, 2019, the BCUC established an updated regulatory timetable in Order G-326-19 for review of the PBR Report and related materials, including a scheduled workshop on March 31, 2020;
- G. On March 27, 2020, by Order G-70-20, the BCUC amended the regulatory timetable established by Order G-326-19, rescheduling the workshop to September 8, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;

- H. Subsuquent to the workshop held on September 8, 2020, by letter dated September 17, 2020, the BCUC requested submissions from all registered parties on the scope of the further review of BC Hydro's PBR Report and the next procedural steps; and
- I. The BCUC has considered the submissions made by the parties and finds that establishing a further regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE, the BCUC establishes a further regulatory timetable for the review of the PBR Report, as set out in Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 6th day of October 2020.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

| Action | Date |
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| Information Requests (IRs) to BCUC Staff Consultant | Wednesday, October 28, 2020 |
| BCUC Staff Consultant Responses to IRs | Monday, November 16, 2020 |
| BC Hydro Supplementary Evidence | Monday, November 30, 2020 |
| BCUC IRs to BC Hydro on Supplementary Evidence | Monday, December 14, 2020 |
| Intervener IRs to BC Hydro on Supplementary Evidence | Monday, December 21, 2020 |
| BC Hydro Responses to IRs on Supplementary Evidence | Monday, January 4, 2021 |
| Further process | To be determined |