



**ORDER NUMBER
G-125-21**

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

and

Nelson Hydro
2021 General Rate Increase Application

BEFORE:

R. I. Mason, Panel Chair
A. K. Fung, QC, Commissioner
T. A. Loski, Commissioner

on April 28, 2021

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 30, 2020, Nelson Hydro filed an application (Application) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of a general annual rate increase of 2.3 percent for the Rural service area for the 2021 calendar year, pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*. Nelson Hydro proposes the general annual rate increase to become effective on April 1, 2021, which results in a compounded rate increase of 3.32 percent;
- B. Nelson Hydro is owned and operated by the City of Nelson and is exempt from regulation under the *Utilities Commission Act* to the extent it is serving customers within its municipal boundaries. Accordingly, the BCUC's review of the Application pertains solely to Nelson Hydro's non-municipal, or rural, ratepayers;
- C. In the Application, Nelson Hydro requests that the 3.32 percent general rate increase be approved on an interim and refundable basis, effective as of April 1, 2021, pending the outcome of the proceeding;
- D. By Orders G-347-20 and G-75-21, dated December 22, 2020 and March 15, 2021 respectively, the BCUC established an initial regulatory timetable, which included two rounds of BCUC information requests (IR). Order G-75-21 also approved the general rate increase to become effective on April 1, 2021 on an interim and refundable/recoverable basis; and
- E. The Panel has reviewed Nelson Hydro's responses to IR No. 1 and IR No. 2 and finds that establishing the remainder of the regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC establishes the remainder of the regulatory timetable, as set out in Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of April 2021.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2021)
Deadline for Letters of Comment	Wednesday, May 5
Nelson Hydro Final Argument	Wednesday, May 19