



ORDER NUMBER
G-246-21

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

and

Barriere Ridge Power Inc.
Application for Exemption pursuant to
Section 88(3) of the *Utilities Commission Act*

BEFORE:

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair
C. M. Brewer, Commissioner
W. M. Everett, QC, Commissioner

on August 18, 2021

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 16, 2021, Barriere Ridge Power Inc. (BR Power) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for exemption from section 71 and partial exemption from Part 3 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) with respect to its resale of electricity at Barriere Ridge Resort, a remote development of recreational properties on East Barriere Lake, which is approximately 20 km east of Barriere, B.C. (Application);
- B. In the Application, BR Power states that it purchases electricity from British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) and re-sells it to lot owners at Barriere Ridge Resort, all of whom are shareholders of BR Power;
- C. BR Power has been reselling electricity to lot owners since 2013, when it began operations of its electrical distribution system;
- D. BR Power acknowledges in the Application that by reselling energy to others, BR Power falls within the definition of “public utility” as defined in section 1 of the UCA;
- E. By Order G-130-21 dated April 29, 2021, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for review of the Application, which included, among other things, one round of BCUC information requests (IRs) with responses due from BR Power on June 10, 2021;
- F. By Letter dated June 14, 2021, BR Power filed a submission with the BCUC, which included a request to file responses to BCUC IR No. 1 by the second week of July (Extension Request); and
- G. By Order G-186-21 dated June 16, 2021, the BCUC amended the regulatory timetable in response to BR Power’s Extension Request;

- H. On July 14, 2021, BR Power filed its responses to BCUC IR No. 1, with supplemental information filed on August 12, 2021; and
- I. The Panel has reviewed the evidence and considers that a further regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. A further regulatory timetable is established in accordance with Appendix A to this order.
2. BR Power is directed, as soon as reasonable possible, but no later than Tuesday, October 5, 2021, to provide a second notice of the Application and a copy of this order, electronically where possible, to the Simpcw First Nation, the Secwépemc Tribal Council First Nations, Adams Lake Indian Band, the Shuswap Indian Band and any other Indigenous Group BR Power provided notice to resulting from Order G-130-21.
3. BR Power is directed to provide the BCUC by Tuesday, October 12, 2021, evidence of confirmation that the Indigenous groups noted above have received notice of the Application. Such evidence may be in the form of a phone log, reply email, or similar record.
4. Any party wishing to provide comments on the Application is invited to submit a letter of comment, by the date established in the attached regulatory timetable. Letters of comment must be in the Letter of Comment form available on the BCUC's website at: <http://www.bcuc.com/forms/letter-of-comment.aspx> or by mail to the BCUC, Suite 410, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2N3.
5. In accordance with BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, parties who wish to actively participate in this proceeding must submit the Request to Intervene Form, available on the BCUC's website at <https://www.bcuc.com/get-involved/get-involved-proceeding.html>, by the date established in the regulatory timetable.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 18th day of August 2021.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2021)
BR Power to provide additional notifications	Tuesday, October 5
BR Power to provide evidence of receipt of notifications	Tuesday, October 12
Intervener Registration	Tuesday, November 16
Deadline to submit letters of comment	Tuesday, November 16
BR Power response to letters of comment	Tuesday, November 23
Further Process	To be determined