



**ORDER NUMBER
R-17-21**

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Mandatory Reliability Standard Planning Coordinator Assessment Report

BEFORE:

A. K. Fung, QC, Panel Chair
C. M. Brewer, Commissioner
W. M. Everett, QC, Commissioner

on August 23, 2021

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 31, 2021, pursuant to section 125.2(3) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) submitted to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) a Mandatory Reliability Standards (MRS) planning coordinator assessment report (PC Assessment Report) assessing 12 reliability standards and one retired reliability standard. All the reliability standards assessed in the PC Assessment Report are related to the Planning Coordinator (PC) function and are currently held in abeyance in British Columbia (BC). In the PC Assessment Report, BC Hydro also assessed four defined terms in the North American Electric Reliability Corporation Glossary of Terms dated October 8, 2020 (NERC Glossary) that are currently held in abeyance in BC. BC Hydro also proposed filing its implementation plan for the PC function by June 25, 2021;
- B. By BCUC Orders R-41-13, R-32-14, R-38-15, R-32-16, R-39-17, R-33-18 and R-19-20, reliability standards applicable to the PC function were held in abeyance and had no force or effect in BC;
- C. Subsection 3(1)(a) of the MRS Regulation requires BC Hydro to report on a reliability standard, in accordance with section 125.2(3) of the UCA, within one year of the date the reliability standard is adopted by the regulatory body with jurisdiction over the standard-making body that established the reliability standard, namely, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC);
- D. On May 26, 2021, by Order R-6-21, the BCUC accepted BC Hydro's extension request to file the PC Assessment Report from May 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021 because four reliability standards, which are dependent on and/or require actions solely by the PC function, were approved by FERC with an effective order within the period between, and including, December 1, 2019 and November 30, 2020 (Assessment Period);

- E. On June 25, 2021, BC Hydro filed its proposed implementation approach and anticipated timing for registering as the PC and engaging other entities interconnected (Interconnected Entities) to the BC Hydro system (Implementation Approach);
- F. Pursuant to section 125.2(5) of the UCA, if the BCUC receives a report under section 125.2(3) of the UCA, the BCUC must make the report available to the public in a reasonable manner, and for a reasonable period of time and consider any comments in response to the report.
- G. By Order R-15-21 dated July 14, 2021, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the review of the PC Assessment Report which included, among other things, an invitation to the public and registered entities (Entities) to comment on the PC Assessment Report;
- H. On August 19, 2021, FortisBC Inc. submitted a request to file its comments on the PC Assessment Report from August 23, 2021 to August 26, 2021 (Extension Request); and
- I. The BCUC has reviewed the Extension Request and considers an amended regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders the regulatory timetable established by Order R-15-21 amended as set out in Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of August 2021.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A. K. Fung, QC
Commissioner

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2021)
Written Public and Registered Entity comments to the BCUC and BC Hydro on the PC Assessment Report and Implementation Approach	Thursday, August 26
BC Hydro Reply Comments	Friday, September 10
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to BC Hydro (if necessary)	Monday, September 20
BC Hydro Responses to BCUC IR No. 1 (if necessary)	Wednesday, September 29
BCUC IR No. 1 to the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) (if necessary)	Thursday, October 7
BC Hydro and Intervener IRs to WECC (if necessary)	Friday, October 15
WECC Responses to BCUC IR No. 1 and BC Hydro and Intervener IRs (if necessary)	Friday, October 22
Further regulatory process	To be determined