



ORDER NUMBER
G-254-21

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Public Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Service Rates Application

BEFORE:

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

on August 30, 2021

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 5, 2021, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of the BC Hydro Public Electric Vehicle (EV) Fast Charging Service Rates Application (Application) pursuant to sections 59 to 61 and 90 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA);
- B. In the Application, BC Hydro seeks BCUC approvals, on both an interim and a permanent basis, of time-based rates (collectively, Proposed Rates) as set out in:
 - i. Rate Schedule 1360 for fast charging service at 25 kW stations at \$0.12 per minute;
 - ii. Rate Schedule 1560 for fast charging service at 50 kW stations at \$0.21 per minute; and
 - iii. Rate Schedule 1561 for fast charging service at 100 kW stations at \$0.27 per minute;
- C. By Order G-89-21 dated March 23, 2021, the BCUC approved the Proposed Rates on an interim basis effective May 1, 2021. The BCUC will determine the manner by which any variance between the approved interim rates and permanent rates, including interest if any, will be refunded to or collected from customers or a class or classes of customers at the time the BCUC renders its final decision on the Application;
- D. By Orders G-89-21 and G-176-21, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, including one round of written information requests (IR) to BC Hydro, intervenor evidence, and a Streamlined Review Process (SRP);
- E. In accordance with Order G-176-21, the SRP was held on July 27, 28 and 29, 2021. Participants at the SRP provided submissions regarding further process for the review of the Application;
- F. By Order G-235-21 dated August 9, 2021, the BCUC directed BC Hydro to provide an undertaking in response to certain BCUC Questions filed in advance of the SRP in Exhibit A-13 as specified in that order. The BCUC

also provided parties an opportunity, by August 26, 2021, to request for further process to test Exhibit B-14-1 that was filed at the SRP and BC Hydro's undertaking;

- G. On August 23, 2021, pursuant to Order G-235-21, BC Hydro filed its undertaking as Exhibit B-16;
- H. On August 27, 2021, the BCUC received a submission from the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. (BCOAPO) requesting a written process to clarify the capital costs used in Exhibits B-14-1 and B-16. BCOAPO filed its submission late due to a technical issue; and
- I. The Panel has considered BCOAPO's request for a written process to seek further clarification in Exhibits B-14-1 and B-16 and determines that an amendment to the regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC establishes the amended regulatory timetable for further process, attached as Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 30th day of August 2021.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2021)
BCUC and Intervener written Information Request (IR) No. 2 on Exhibits B-14-1 and B-16	Wednesday, September 8
BC Hydro IR No. 2 written responses	Wednesday, September 15
BC Hydro oral final argument*	Thursday, September 23 at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time
Intervener written final argument	Thursday, October 7
BC Hydro written reply argument	Tuesday, October 19

*Detailed instructions regarding the BC Hydro oral final argument will be provided in due course.