



ORDER NUMBER
R-5-22

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application for Acceptance of a Mitigation Plan required for
Compliance with Mandatory Reliability Standard:
FAC-008-3 Requirement 6 – Violation ID: BCUC2017000621

BEFORE:

W. M. Everett, QC, Commissioner

on February 7, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 2, 2020, the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), acting as the Administrator for the British Columbia Mandatory Reliability Standards Program (BC MRS Program), issued a Recommendation of Mitigation Plan (MP) Acceptance (Recommendation) to bring British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) into compliance with the reliability standard identified above;
- B. Section 125.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) assigns exclusive jurisdiction to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) to determine whether a “reliability standard,” as defined in the UCA, is in the public interest and should be adopted in British Columbia;
- C. By Order G-123-09, the BCUC appointed WECC as its Administrator for registration and monitoring compliance pursuant to section 8 of the UCA. WECC’s role as Administrator for the BC MRS Program is pursuant to the Administration Agreement between WECC and the BCUC signed on October 8, 2009, and renewed on July 5, 2019;
- D. Order G-123-09 also approved the Compliance Monitoring Program (CMP) for monitoring and enforcement of adopted reliability standards and most recent revisions to the CMP were approved by Order R-40-17, dated September 1, 2017;
- E. Pursuant to section 5.1.1 of the CMP, an entity subject to approved Mandatory Reliability Standards found in Confirmed Violation of a reliability standard must prepare an MP to correct the Confirmed Violation or prepare a description of how the Confirmed Violation has been mitigated. Pursuant to section 5.3.2 of the CMP, an MP with respect to a Confirmed Violation must be submitted to the Administrator within ten days following confirmation by the BCUC;
- F. An MP with respect to a Possible Violation or an Alleged Violation may be submitted at any time and the BCUC encourages entities to mitigate all perceived instances of noncompliance upon detection;

- G. Pursuant to section 5.5 of the CMP, the BCUC or WECC may, at anytime, request the Entity to submit a revised MP to replace an MP already accepted by the BCUC;
- H. By Order R-11-19 dated May 14, 2019, the BCUC accepted MP (Version 1) to address the Possible Violation of FAC-008-3 R6, as submitted by BC Hydro on November 14, 2018 and recommended by WECC on May 2, 2019, with a proposed completion date of December 31, 2019;
- I. By letter dated February 24, 2020, the BCUC granted an extension request by BC Hydro, as recommended by WECC on February 13, 2020, to extend the proposed completion date of MP (Version 1) to March 31, 2020;
- J. By letter dated April 24, 2020, the BCUC, among other things, granted a further extension request by BC Hydro, as recommended by WECC on April 8, 2020, to extend the proposed completion date of MP (Version 1) to June 30, 2020;
- K. On August 31, 2020, BC Hydro submitted the MP (Version 2) to supersede MP (Version 1) and to address the same Possible Violation FAC-008-3 R6 with the proposed completion date of July 1, 2022, as shown below; and

Reliability Standard	BCUC Violation ID	Date MP (Version 2) Submitted to WECC	Proposed Completion Date
FAC-008-3 R6	BCUC2017000621	August 31, 2020	July 1, 2022

- L. The BCUC reviewed WECC's Recommendation and considers that acceptance of MP (Version 2) for FAC-008-3 R6 is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 125.2(10) of the UCA and in accordance with the CMP, the BCUC accepts the MP (Version 2) with the proposed completion date as identified in recital K above which will supersede MP (Version 1) accepted by Order R-11-19.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of February 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

W. M. Everett, QC
Commissioner