



**ORDER NUMBER
G-42-22**

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

and

Nelson Hydro
2022 Revenue Requirement Application

BEFORE:

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair
A. C. Dennier, Commissioner
A. Pape-Salmon, Commissioner

on February 18, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 1, 2021, Nelson Hydro filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of a general annual rate increase of 2.5 percent for the Rural service area (Application), effective on January 1, 2022, pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA);
- B. Nelson Hydro is owned and operated by the City of Nelson and is excluded from regulation under the UCA 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 submits that the proposed percentage rate increase is based on forecast costs for the utility as a whole and that no rate differential between the Urban and Rural service areas is being sought as part of this Application;
- D. By Order G-340-21 and G-22-22, dated November 19, 2021 and February 2, 2022, respectively, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable, which included one round of BCUC information requests (IRs), letters of comment, and Nelson Hydro's reply comments with further process to be determined; and
- E. The Panel has reviewed Nelson Hydro's responses to IR No. 1, the letters of comment and Nelson Hydro's reply comments, and considers an amendment to the regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC amends the regulatory timetable, attached as Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 18th day of February 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2022)
Nelson Hydro's Written Final Argument	Tuesday, March 8