



**ORDER NUMBER
R-28-22**

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

and

Powell River Energy Inc.
Application for Registration of Generator Owner and Generator Operator Functions
with the Mandatory Reliability Standards Program

BEFORE:

W. M. Everett, QC, Commissioner

on August 26, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 15, 2022, the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), acting as the Administrator for the British Columbia Mandatory Reliability Standards Program (BC MRS Program), issued a Recommendation for Registration of Powell River Energy Inc. (PREI) for the functions of Generator Owner (GO) and Generator Operator (GOP), effective May 31, 2021 (Recommendation);
- 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 BC. On June 4, 2009, the BCUC issued Order G-67-09 specifying that entities subject to reliability standards must register with the BCUC;
- C. In accordance with the Administration Agreement between WECC and the BCUC, dated September 8, 2009 and renewed most recently on July 5, 2019, WECC makes registration recommendations in its role as the BCUC’s Administrator for the BC MRS Program;
- D. Order R-40-17, dated September 1, 2017, approved the most recent version of the Rules of Procedure for Reliability Standards in British Columbia (ROP), which includes Appendix 1: Registration Manual (ROP Registration Manual). The ROP Registration Manual establishes that every owner, operator and user of an element of the Bulk Electric System (BES), as that term is defined in the North American Electric Reliability Corporation Glossary of Terms and adopted by the BCUC, is a candidate for registration with the BC MRS Program;
- E. By Order G141-10 dated September 16, 2010, PREI was initially registered with the BC MRS Program as a GO and GOP. By Order R-43-15 dated October 7, 2015, PREI was subsequently deregistered as PREI met the requirements for Exclusion E2, as defined in the Bulk Electric System (BES) definition adopted by the BCUC;

- F. In the Recommendation, WECC states that PREI's net megavolt-ampere (MVA) capacity is 94.5 MVA, thus qualifying PREI as an I2 Inclusion of the North American Electricity Reliability Corporation BES Definition approved by the BCUC;
- G. Pursuant to Section 2.2 of the ROP Registration Manual, Entities may file a response to a registration recommendation within 21 days of the date of the recommendation. PREI did not file a response to the Recommendation with WECC or the BCUC; and
- H. The BCUC has reviewed WECC's Recommendation and considers that acceptance of the Recommendation is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 125.2(10) of the UCA and in accordance with the Registration Manual that is Appendix 1 to the ROP, the BCUC approves the registration of PREI for the GO and GOP functions as of May 31, 2021.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 26th day of August 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

W. M. Everett, QC
Commissioner