



**ORDER NUMBER
G-260-22**

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application for the Energy Management System Upgrade Project

BEFORE:

E. B. Lockhart, Panel Chair
W. M. Everett, KC, Commissioner
A. Pape-Salmon, Commissioner

on September 16, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 11, 2022, the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) requesting acceptance of a cost range of \$24.8 million to \$32.8 million in capital expenditures for the Energy Management System Upgrade Project (Project), pursuant to section 44.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) (Application);
- B. BC Hydro's Bulk Electric System (Bulk Electric System) comprises a network of generation resources, transmission lines, interconnections with neighbouring systems and associated equipment, generally operated at voltages of 100 kV or higher. The Bulk Electric System is monitored, controlled, and operated using a technology system called the Energy Management System (EMS). The current EMS software and hardware on which it runs are at end-of-life. The Project consists of upgrading the EMS software and hardware;
- C. By Order G-102-22, dated April 14, 2022, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for review of the Application, which included public notice, intervenor registration, one round of BCUC and intervenor information requests (IRs), BC Hydro responses to IRs and submissions on further process. The regulatory timetable was subsequently amended by Order G-168-22 on June 20, 2022.
- D. By Order G-235-22, dated August 17, 2022, the BCUC established a further regulatory timetable including, among other things a second round of BCUC and intervenor IRs;
- E. By letter dated September 14, 2022, BC Hydro requested an extension for filing responses to BCUC and Intervenor IR No. 2. In the request, BC Hydro states it is seeking additional time as a high number of intervenor IRs are concentrated on specialized topics requiring input from a small number of subject matter experts; and

F. The BCUC has reviewed the request and determines that an amendment to the regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders that the regulatory timetable is amended as set out in Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 16th day of September 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

E. B. Lockhart
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2022)
BC Hydro Responses to BCUC and Intervener Information Request No. 2	Thursday, October 20
BC Hydro Final Argument	Thursday, November 3
Intervener Final Argument	Thursday, November 17
BC Hydro Final Reply Argument	Thursday, December 1