



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**G-330-22**

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

and

British Columbia Utilities Commission  
An Inquiry into the Regulation of Hydrogen Energy Services

**BEFORE:**

D. M. Morton, Commissioner

on November 21, 2022

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The *Utilities Commission Act* defines a public utility and sets out the jurisdiction of the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC);
- B. On December 27, 2012, in the Inquiry into FortisBC Energy Inc.'s Offering of Products and Services in Alternative Energy Solutions and Other New Initiatives report, the BCUC established key principles and guidelines to determine when regulation is needed and, where it is needed, the form of regulation;
- C. On July 6, 2021, the Government of British Columbia released the BC Hydrogen Strategy; and
- D. The BCUC considers that establishing an inquiry into the BCUC's regulation of the provision of hydrogen energy services is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to section 82 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. An inquiry to review the BCUC's regulation of hydrogen energy services is established.
- 2. A regulatory timetable is established, attached as Appendix A to this order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2022.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

D. M. Morton  
Commissioner

Attachment

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**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

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| Action                  | Date (2023)           |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Workshop registration   | Wednesday, January 11 |
| BCUC Staff led workshop | Friday, January 20    |
| Written submissions     | Friday, January 20    |
| Further Process         | TDB                   |