



**ORDER NUMBER
G-375-22**

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority.
Application for Approval of Cloud Costs Regulatory Account

BEFORE:

C. M. Brewer, Panel Chair
D. M. Morton, Commissioner
A. Pape-Salmon, Commissioner

on December 19, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 18, 2022, the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application (Application) pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commissions Act* (UCA) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) seeking approval to, among other things, establish a new Cloud Cost Regulatory Account to record the following expenditures commencing in fiscal 2023;
1. Actual Cloud Arrangement implementation operating costs that would have been capitalized for each project had the Cloud Arrangement been eligible for capitalization as an intangible asset, with a current estimate of approximately \$9.0 million for each of fiscal 2023 and 2024; and
 2. Cloud Arrangement usage fee operating expense variances attributable to unplanned Cloud Arrangements each year, with a current estimate of approximately \$0.5 million for fiscal 2024 and \$1.6 million for fiscal 2025.
- B. BC Hydro proposes a regulatory process consisting of one round of BCUC written information requests, letters of comment, and BC Hydro's response to the letters of comment; and
- C. The BCUC has commenced review of the Application and considers that a preliminary regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE, the BCUC orders as follows:

1. The regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is established as set out in Appendix A to this order.

2. BC Hydro is directed to provide, electronically where possible, a copy of the Application, this order and the link to the proceeding webpage, on or before Friday, December 23, 2022, to all registered interveners in the BC Hydro F2023-F2025 RRA proceeding.
3. BC Hydro is directed to post a copy of the Application, this order and the link to the proceeding webpage, on to the following electronic platforms or before Friday, December 23, 2022:
 - a. BC Hydro's Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook social media platforms; and
 - b. BC Hydro's website at <http://www.bchydro.com>.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 19th day of December 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

C. M. Brewer
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2022)
BC Hydro to provide notice of the Application in compliance with Directives 2 and 3	Friday, December 23

Action	Date (2023)
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to BC Hydro	Thursday, January 12
BC Hydro Responses to BCUC IR No. 1	Thursday, February 9
Deadline for Letters of Comment on the Application and regulatory timetable established by Order G-375-22	Wednesday, February 22
BC Hydro Reply to Comments on the Application and regulatory timetable	Friday, March 3