



ORDER NUMBER
R-42-23

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

and

ARC Resources Ltd.
Application for Footprint Change in the
British Columbia Mandatory Reliability Standards Program

BEFORE:

E. B. Lockhart, Panel Chair
W. M. Everett, KC, Commissioner

on August 22, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 10, 2023, 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 Change of Registration Footprint of ARC Resources Ltd. (ARC), effective April 25, 2023 (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 British Columbia. 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 most recently renewed 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) Appendix 1: Registration Manual. Pursuant to section 2.3 of the Registration Manual, an Entity must notify the Administrator in writing of any change in circumstances that affects the Entity’s Registration. Such revisions to Registration could include, among other things, changes to the functions for which an Entity is registered, Entity deregistration, or Entity name change;
- E. On January 17, 2023, ARC submitted an application to WECC requesting a change to its current Distribution Provider registration footprint for the additional load of 28 MW supporting Dawson Gas production plants 3 and 4. The plant was energized on April 25, 2023, and took on load on May 26, 2023;
- F. Pursuant to section 2.3 of the Registration Manual, an entity has 21 days to file a response to a registration recommendation with the BCUC. The BCUC did not receive a response from ARC; and

G. The BCUC reviewed WECC's Recommendation and considers acceptance of WECC's Recommendation warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 125.2(10) of the UCA and in accordance with section 2.3 of the Registration Manual that is Appendix 1 to the ROP, the BCUC approves the registration footprint change of ARC, effective April 25, 2023.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of August 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

E. B. Lockhart
Commissioner