



ORDER NUMBER
G-277-24

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Distribution Extension Policy

BEFORE:

M. Jaccard, Panel Chair
T. A. Loski, Commissioner
W. E. Royle, Commissioner

on October 30, 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 27, 2024, BC Hydro filed its Distribution Extension Policy Application (Application) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to sections 58 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), requesting the approval of amendments to the Electric Tariff Terms and Conditions that govern distribution extensions, including to:
- Update Electric Tariff Section 8.3 in respect of extension fee calculation, system improvement cost, and BC Hydro's maximum contribution to an extension, and establish a new Electric Tariff Section 11.5 in respect of BC Hydro's maximum contribution;
 - Update Electric Tariff Section 8.4 in respect of guarantee requirements and reviews;
 - Update Electric Tariff Section 8.5 in respect of refund of extensions fees;
 - Remove Electric Tariff Section 8.7 in respect of extensions in Rate Zone IB and Rate Zone II;
 - Update Electric Tariff Section 8.8 in respect of uneconomic extension fund; and
- B. Update Electric Tariff Section 11.1 in respect of minimum connection charges and Section 11.2 in respect of metering charges;
- C. In the Application, BC Hydro also seeks approval of other administrative and housekeeping amendments to Electric Tariff Sections 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 11, and Rate Schedules 1640, 1641, 1642, and 1643;
- D. BC Hydro proposes that these amendments be made effective the later of April 1, 2025, or four months following the approval of the proposed amendments by the BCUC;

- E. By Order G-199-24 dated July 23, 2024, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for review of the Application, which included, among other things, intervenor registration, one round of information requests (IRs) and final and reply arguments; and
- F. The BCUC has reviewed the evidentiary record and determines that amending the regulatory timetable is warranted.

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

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 30th day of October 2024.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

M. Jaccard
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2024)
Panel Information Request No. 1 to BC Hydro	Monday, November 4
BC Hydro responses to Panel Information Request No. 1	Tuesday, November 12
BC Hydro final argument	Tuesday, November 19
Intervener final argument	Tuesday, December 3
BC Hydro reply argument	Tuesday, December 17