



ORDER NUMBER
G-171-25

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

and

Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc.
Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Core TES RNG Bridging Fuel Rate

BEFORE:

E.B. Lockhart, Panel Chair
B.A. Magnan, Commissioner

on July 4, 2025

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 20, 2025, Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. (Creative Energy) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, for approval of a renewable natural gas bridging fuel service for Creative Energy's Core Thermal Energy System (TES) (Application);
- B. In the Application, Creative Energy seeks the following approvals:
 - i. the establishment of a Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Fuel Cost Adjustment Charge to the existing Steam Service Tariff, effective January 1, 2026;
 - ii. the establishment of an RNG Fuel Cost Stabilization Account, effective January 1, 2026;
 - iii. an RNG Fuel Cost Adjustment Charge pricing methodology, effective January 1, 2026, which remains in effect until Creative Energy applies for a new pricing methodology or the BCUC determines otherwise; and
 - iv. endorsement of the Request for Service form to allow Creative Energy to enroll customers under the RNG service prior to the end of 2025 and to provide this service to customers who subscribe to it starting on January 1, 2026;
- C. By Order C-5-22 dated September 15, 2022, the BCUC granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Creative Energy's Core Steam System Decarbonization Project (Decarbonization Project). Creative Energy was directed to file a low carbon energy rate design application that addresses different customers' needs by June 30, 2023, which was extended to August 23, 2024 by various orders;

- D. By Order G-252-24, dated September 26, 2024, the BCUC rejected for filing Creative Energy's application for approval, of a rate structure, rate design principles and associated conditions for a low carbon service. The BCUC found the application to be materially deficient in information required to commence an efficient and effective regulatory review process and granted Creative Energy leave to file another low carbon energy rate design application should it choose to do so;
- E. By Order G-94-25, dated April 10, 2025, the BCUC issued its decision related to Creative Energy's application for acceptance of a schedule of capital expenditures for its Decarbonization Project in order to complete the construction of the structure that will house its new steam plant and to connect Creative Energy's future steam generating electric boilers and associated equipment (Decarbonization Plant) to its existing steam plant. In that proceeding, Creative Energy stated that it will use RNG purchased from FortisBC Energy Inc. as a temporary bridging measure until the Decarbonization Plant is completed;
- F. The BCUC has commenced review of the Application and considers that the establishment of a regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. A regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is established as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. Creative Energy is directed to by no later than Monday, July 14, 2025:
 - i. publish the Application and a copy of this order on its website at <https://creative.energy/>;
 - ii. provide a copy of the Application and this order, electronically where possible, to all customers of the Core TES, registered interveners in the Creative Energy New Plant Premises and Interconnection Capital Expenditure proceeding, and registered interveners in the Creative Energy 2025 Core Steam Revenue Requirements; and
 - iii. provide notice of the Application and this order on its existing social media platforms.
3. Creative Energy is directed to provide confirmation to the BCUC that it has provided public notice pursuant to Directive 2, including a list of social media platforms on which the public notice was posted, as well as a list of all parties notified, by Wednesday, July 16, 2025.
4. In accordance with the BCUC Rules of Practice and Procedure, any party wishing to provide comments is invited to submit a Letter of Comment by the date established in the regulatory timetable. Letters of comment must be submitted by way of the Letter of Comment Form available on the BCUC's website at <https://www.bcuc.com/Forms/LetterOfComment>.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of July 2025.

BY ORDER

Electronically signed by Blair Lockhart

E. B. Lockhart
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2025)
Public notice of the Application	Monday, July 14
Creative Energy confirmation of compliance with public notice requirements	Wednesday, July 16
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1	Thursday, July 31
Creative Energy responses to IR No. 1	Friday, August 22
Letters of comment deadline	Friday, August 29
Creative Energy reply to letters of comment and final argument	Monday, September 15



We want to hear from you

Creative Energy Core TES RNG Bridging Fuel Rate

On June 20, 2025, Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. (Creative Energy) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) seeking approval to establish a voluntary renewable natural gas fuel service, among other items, for Core steam customers.

Creative Energy indicates that its proposal will allow Creative Energy Core steam customers to voluntarily choose renewable natural gas for heating to reduce their yearly greenhouse gas emissions. Creative Energy is seeking approval to begin offering this option on January 1, 2026.

GET INVOLVED

- **Submit a letter of comment**

IMPORTANT DATES

1. **Friday, August 29, 2025** – Deadline to submit a letter of comment to share your views and opinions, on the application

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