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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-36-14**

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**IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473**

and

**British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application to Cancel the Retail Access Program and to
Withdraw Unbundled Transmission Services under the Open Access Transmission Tariff**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
C.A. Brown, Commissioner March 13, 2014
R.D. Revel, Commissioner
C. van Wermeskerken, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 6, 2014, the Lieutenant Governor in Council issued Orders in Council (OIC) 096 and 097 to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission);
- B. OIC 097 enacts Direction No. 7 (Direction No. 7) to the Commission pursuant to section 3 of the *Utilities Commission Act*. Direction No. 7 has the force of law and continues the essential elements of the Heritage Contract framework formerly enshrined in Heritage Special Direction No. HC2 and repealed Heritage Special Direction No. HC2;
- C. Direction No. 7, section 14, directs the Commission to issue an order to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) by March 23, 2014, that would cancel BC Hydro's Retail Access Program and accept BC Hydro's withdrawal of any obligation to offer unbundled transmission services pursuant to the Open Access Transmission Tariff to retail customers in British Columbia and the withdrawal of such services to those who supply such customers; and
- D. On March 7, 2014, BC Hydro filed an application seeking the issuance of certain Commission Orders as required under both OICs 096 and 097 (Application); however, this Order addresses only Direction No. 7, section 14 from OIC 096. The Commission will issue a further Order in regards to OIC 096 and the remaining elements of OIC 097 in due course.

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NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Direction 7, sections 14(1)(a)&(b), the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders as follows:

1. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's request to withdraw any obligation to offer unbundled transmission services pursuant to BC Hydro's Open Access Transmission Tariff to retail customers in British Columbia, and the withdrawal of such services to those who supply such customers, is approved.
2. BC Hydro must cancel the Retail Access Program as defined in Order G-39-12.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of March 2014.

BY ORDER

Original Signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner