



VIA EMAIL

April 5, 2016

BC HYDRO
2015 RATE DESIGN

EXHIBIT A-25

To: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Registered Interveners

Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Project No. 3698781/G-156-15
2015 Rate Design Application Module 1 - Oral Hearing Dates

By Order G-12-16 dated February 1, 2016, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) determined that the review of the remainder of the BC Hydro's 2015 Rate Design Application (RDA) would take place through an oral hearing process, in accordance with the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to the order. The regulatory timetable also established a second round of Information Requests (IRs) to BC Hydro, Intervener Evidence, a round of IRs on the Intervener Evidence, and rebuttal evidence from BC Hydro. The oral hearing is scheduled to take place in the month of July 2016, with the exact dates to be determined at a later date.

The Commission is in receipt of the following two letters (copies attached):

- (i) A letter from BC Hydro dated March 24, 2016, requesting that the oral hearing be held in mid-August 2016 as postponing it will allow the parties the opportunity to review the updates to its 2017-2019 Revenue Requirements Application (RRA), which are expected to be filed at the end of July 2016. BC Hydro states that it believes the 2017-2019 RRA provides contextual information that is informative to the 2015 RDA; and
- (ii) A letter from the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners Organization *et al.* (BCOAPO) dated March 31, 2016, stating that it has advised the Commission and BC Hydro that it supports moving the oral hearing to the middle of August as requested by BC Hydro as it will provide the parties the opportunity to review BC Hydro's RRA prior to the RDA oral hearing. BCOAPO also requests that if the oral hearing dates are moved to mid-August then the other deadlines in the regulatory timetable for the RDA, including the deadline for submitting intervener evidence, be moved back by two or three weeks.

Attached is a timetable based on the requests from BC Hydro and BCOAPO. Parties wishing to comment on the timetable may do so in writing to the Commission by Monday, April 11, 2016. The Commission will issue an order with an amended regulatory timetable after parties have had the opportunity to comment.

Yours truly,
Original signed by
Laura Sharpe for:
Laurel Ross

EC/cms
Enclosures (3)

**REGULATORY TIMETABLE
(DRAFT)**

ITEM	DATE
BC Hydro Response to IR No. 2	April 12, 2016
Intervener Evidence	May 9, 2016
Information Requests No. 1 on Intervener Evidence	May 30, 2016
Intervener Response to Information Requests No. 1	June 22, 2016
BC Hydro Rebuttal Evidence	July 6, 2016
Oral Hearing	August 16-18, and August 23-24
BC Hydro Final Argument on Oral Phase	TDB
Intervener Final Argument on Oral Phase	TDB
BC Hydro Reply on Oral Phase	TDB



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EXHIBIT B-21

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March 24, 2016

Ms. Laurel Ross
Acting Commission Secretary
British Columbia Utilities Commission
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Dear Ms. Ross:

**RE: Project No. 3698781
British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
2015 Rate Design Application (2015 RDA)**

BC Hydro writes with respect to the timing of the oral hearing for the 2015 RDA. BCUC Order No. G-12-16 outlined the regulatory timetable for the review of the 2015 RDA. In the timetable there is a place holder of July for the oral hearing. BC Hydro proposes the oral hearing for the 2015 RDA occur in mid-August.

On February 26, 2016, BC Hydro filed an application for interim rates for F2017 and proposed we would be filing a complete Revenue Requirements Application (RRA) in summer 2016. BC Hydro expects to file the F2017-F2019 RRA at the end of July. Throughout the Information Request (IR) process on the 2015 RDA, there have been a number of requests for information related to the F2017-F2019 RRA including information on rate forecasts beyond F2019, an updated load resource balance and demand side management programs. While BC Hydro does not believe that the 2015 RDA oral hearing is the appropriate venue to debate or test these items we do believe that they provide contextual information that is informative to the 2015 RDA. As such, we propose that the 2015 RDA oral hearing be held in mid-August to allow for interveners to review the F2017-F2019 RRA so that there is understanding of some of these contextual issues. In Exhibit B-17, BC Hydro committed to file an updated Load Resource Balance and Load Forecast as an Evidentiary Update to reflect developments in the liquefied natural gas and mining sectors. BC Hydro will file this evidentiary update at the same time as it files its F2017-F2019 RRA.

BC Hydro has spoken to representatives of a number of interveners including CEC, BCOAPO, BCSEA, MoveUp, AMPC, NIARG and Zone 2 Rate Payers Group, on the proposed timing and all parties generally agree with the merits of BC Hydro's proposed sequencing of the F2017-F2019 RRA and F2015 RDA oral hearing. A couple of interveners indicated they may have potential scheduling conflicts depending on the



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exact timing in August and BC Hydro suggests the Commission request submissions on availability.

For further information, please contact Gordon Doyle at 604-623-3815 or by email at bchydroregulatorygroup@bchydro.com.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Loski", written over a horizontal line.

Tom Loski
Chief Regulatory Officer

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Copy to: BCUC Project No. 3698781 (2015 RDA)
Registered Intervener Distribution List

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EXHIBIT C2-9

March 31, 2016

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Reply to: Sarah Khan
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Our file: 7615

Dear Ms. Ross:

Re: BC Hydro 2015 Rate Design Application
Request for extension of time to file intervenor evidence

In a letter dated March 24, 2016 (Exhibit B-21), BC Hydro has requested that the oral hearing in this proceeding be postponed from July until mid-August, 2016. The reason for the request is that BC Hydro does not expect to file its F2017-F2019 Revenue Requirements Application until the end of July, 2016, and postponing the RDA hearing until the middle of August would allow parties to the RDA to have a better understanding of contextual issues that will be included in the RRA such as rate forecasts beyond F2019, the updated load resource balance and demand side management programs.

The RDA regulatory timetable was set by BCUC Order G-12-16, and stated that the oral hearing would take place in July. We have advised the Commission and BC Hydro that it makes sense from our perspective to move the oral hearing to the middle of August so that parties to the RDA have the opportunity to review BC Hydro's RRA prior to the RDA oral hearing.

We request that if the oral hearing is moved to mid-August, that the remaining deadlines in the regulatory timetable for the RDA, including the deadline for submitting intervenor evidence, be moved back by two or three weeks. This will enable us to prepare our evidence without being unnecessarily rushed.

Thank you very much for considering this request.

BC Public Interest Advocacy Centre

Sarah Khan

- c. Tom Loski, Chief Regulatory Officer, BC Hydro
Registered participants