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BC HYDRO F2020–F2021 REVENUE REQUIREMENTS EXHIBIT A-8
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**Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority – F2020–F2021 Revenue Requirements Application –
Regulatory Timetable**

Dear Mr. James:

Further to the procedural conference held on June 24, 2019, enclosed please find British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-146-19 with reasons for decision.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Patrick Wruck
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Enclosure



ORDER NUMBER
G-146-19

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Fiscal 2020 to Fiscal 2021 Revenue Requirements Application

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair
A. K. Fung, QC, Commissioner
E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner
R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on June 28, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 25, 2019, the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed its Fiscal 2020 to Fiscal 2021 (F2020–F2021) Revenue Requirements Application (Application) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to sections 44.2, 58 to 61 and 99 of the *Utilities Commission Act* requesting, among other things:
1. approval of a reduction of the Deferral Account Rate Rider from 5 percent to 0 percent effective April 1, 2019;
 2. approval of an increase in rates by 6.85 percent effective April 1, 2019;
 3. approval of an increase in rates by 0.72 percent effective April 1, 2020; and
 4. approval of the F2020–F2021 Open Access Transmission Tariff rates as set out in Table 9-8 of the Application effective April 1, 2019 and April 1, 2020, respectively;
- B. On March 1, 2019, by Order G-45-19, the BCUC established a Regulatory Timetable for the initial review of the Application which included a procedural conference on June 24, 2019;
- C. On June 14, 2019, the BCUC issued a letter identifying several procedural matters to be addressed by the parties at the procedural conference;
- D. On June 19, 2019, BC Hydro filed initial comments on the procedural matters set out in the BCUC's letter (Pre-filed Comments). In its Pre-filed Comments, BC Hydro requests that certain information in an evidentiary update expected to be filed on August 8, 2019 (Evidentiary Update) be held confidential on a temporary basis;

- E. In accordance with the Regulatory Timetable set out in Order G-45-19, the procedural conference took place on June 24, 2019, and was attended by: BC Hydro; Association of Major Power Customers of BC; British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al.; BC Sustainable Energy Association; Clean Energy Association of B.C.; Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia; FortisBC Energy Inc. and FortisBC Inc.; Zone II Ratepayers Group; E. Gjoshe; D. Ince; and R. McCandless; and
- F. The BCUC has considered BC Hydro's Pre-filed Comments and the submissions made by the parties at the procedural conference and finds that a further Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE, for the reasons set out in Appendix A to this order, the BCUC orders as follows:

1. A further Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application is established as set out in Appendix B to this order.
2. The request to temporarily hold certain information in the Evidentiary Update as confidential is granted.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this *28th* day of June 2019.

BY ORDER

Original Signed By:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachments

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Fiscal 2020 to Fiscal 2021 Revenue Requirements Application

REASONS FOR DECISION

On March 1, 2019, pursuant to Order G-45-19, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) established a Regulatory Timetable for the review of British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's (BC Hydro) Fiscal 2020 to Fiscal 2021 Revenue Requirements Application (Application), which included a procedural conference scheduled for June 24, 2019. On June 14, 2019, the BCUC issued a letter that identified the following procedural matters for the parties to address at the procedural conference:

1. Whether the Peace Region Electric Supply project meets the requirements to be considered a prescribed undertaking under section 18 of the *Clean Energy Act*, pursuant to section 4(2) of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Clean Energy) Regulation. Only preliminary submissions are required at this time.
2. Whether the Minette Station to LNG Canada Interconnection project meets the requirements of the Transmission Upgrade Exemption Regulation, as amended by B.C. Reg. 160/2018, to exempt the project from Part 3 of the *Utilities Commission Act*. Only preliminary submissions are required at this time.
3. Whether it is the interveners' intention to file intervenor evidence and if so, relating to what specific matters.
4. Whether the review of the F2020 to F2021 Revenue Requirements Application (RRA) should proceed by a written or oral public hearing, or some other process.
5. Steps and timetable associated with the recommended regulatory review process. If you are proposing an oral public hearing, please identify the specific matter(s) that should be addressed through that process and the rationale.
6. Any other matter that will assist the BCUC to efficiently review the RRA.

On June 19, 2019, BC Hydro filed its initial comments on the procedural matters set out in the BCUC's letter including a proposed regulatory timetable (Pre-filed Comments).

The procedural conference took place on June 24, 2019, and was attended by: BC Hydro; Association of Major Power Customers of BC (AMPC); British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. (BCOAPO); BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA); Clean Energy Association of B.C. (CEABC); Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC); FortisBC Energy Inc. and FortisBC Inc. (collectively, FortisBC); Zone II Ratepayers Group (Zone II RPG); E. Gjoshe (Gjoshe); D. Ince (Ince); and R. McCandless (McCandless).

Peace Region Electric Supply Project and Minette Station to LNG Canada Interconnection Project

In the Pre-filed Comments, BC Hydro reproduces the following table that was submitted in response to BCUC IR 119.2, to illustrate that the Peace Region Electric Supply (PRES) project satisfies the two criteria under section 4(2) of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Clean Energy) Regulation (GGRR) to be a prescribed undertaking.

Prescribed Undertaking Criteria	PRES Project
<p>(a) For the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in British Columbia, the public utility constructs or operates an electricity transmission or distribution facility, or provides for temporary generation until the completion of the construction of the facility, in northeast British Columbia primarily to provide electricity from the authority to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A producer, as defined in section 1 (1) of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Royalty and Freehold Production Tax Regulation, B.C. Reg. 495/92, or (ii) An owner or operator of a natural gas processing plant; 	<p>The PRES project includes the construction and operation of transmission facilities in northeast British Columbia, primarily to serve new natural gas processing plants (for processing natural gas by removing from it natural gas liquids, sulphur or other substances).</p> <p>The PRES project will facilitate reductions in provincial greenhouse gas emissions by enabling electrification of natural gas production, processing, and compression, which, in the absence of the PRES project, would have no other choice but to combust fossil fuels for power supply.</p>
<p>(b) The public utility reasonably expects, on the date the public utility decides to carry out the undertaking, that the facility will have an in service date no later than December 31, 2022.</p>	<p>When BC Hydro's Board of Directors approved the PRES project on June 7, 2018, BC Hydro reasonably expected that the PRES project would have an in-service date no later than December 31, 2022. BC Hydro continues to expect that the PRES project will be in service no later than December 31, 2022.</p>

BC Hydro further submits that “the *Clean Energy Act* states that a ‘prescribed undertaking’ means a project, program, contract or expenditure that is in a class of projects, programs, contracts or expenditures prescribed for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in British Columbia.” BC Hydro submits that the PRES project meets the criteria above to be within that class defined by the GGRR.¹

With respect to the Minette Substation to LNG Canada Interconnection (MIN to LNG) project, BC Hydro provides the following table to illustrate that it meets the requirements to be considered an exempt project.

¹ Exhibit B-8, BCH Pre-filed Comments, p. 4.

Transmission Upgrade Exemption Regulation	MIN to LNG Canada Interconnection Project
<p>(1) The authority is exempt from Part 3 of the Act in respect of the following</p> <p>---</p> <p>(e) addition of shunt capacitors at the Minette substation, including associated protection and control equipment.</p> <p>(2) Subject to subsection (3), the authority is exempt from Part 3 of the Act in respect of the construction or operation of a plant or system, or an upgrade or extension of either, to provide service for the following:</p> <p>(a) an LNG facility in the vicinity of the District of Kitimat;</p> <p>(b) a facility necessary for the construction of an LNG facility in the vicinity of the District of Kitimat.</p> <p>(3) The exemptions under subsection (2) do not apply in respect of a plant, system, upgrade or extension that, on the date the authority decides to construct the plant, system, upgrade or extension, cannot reasonably be expected to come into service before October 1, 2025.</p> <p>Subsection (3) does not limit any of the exemptions under subsection (1).</p>	<p>The MIN to LNG Canada Interconnection Project consists of the following:</p> <p>Expansion of the Minette substation to accommodate the addition of a 287 kV shunt capacitor bank, a new 287 kV line position, and associated protection and control equipment (exempt under section (1) (e))</p> <p>A double circuit 287 kV transmission line from the Minette substation to the LNG Canada facility (exempt under section (2))</p> <p>The MIN to LNG Canada Interconnection project is necessary to provide service to LNG Canada, which is an LNG facility in the vicinity of the District of Kitimat.</p> <p>When BC Hydro approved the MIN to LNG Canada Interconnection Project on October 11, 2018, BC Hydro reasonably expected that the MIN to LNG Canada Interconnection project would have an in-service date no later than October 1, 2025. BC Hydro continues to expect that the MIN to LNG Canada Interconnection project will be in service no later than October 1, 2025.</p>

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CEC submits that both the PRES project and the MIN to LNG project are expensive projects requiring a lot of ratepayer money and thus stresses the importance of sufficient persuasive evidence on the record to clearly show whether the projects meet the requirements for exemption. CEC submits at this time that “the record would be improved by more evidence,” particularly regarding the primary objective of the PRES project, as it can see there being multiple purposes to the project, and the reasonableness of the project being in service by December 31, 2022.³ With respect to the MIN to LNG project, CEC’s view is that the preliminary evidence shows that the project is needed for the construction of the LNG facility.⁴

BCSEA, CEABC and FortisBC’s preliminary positions are that the PRES project qualifies as a prescribed undertaking and the MIN to LNG project qualifies as an exempt project.⁵ Ince, on the other hand, takes the preliminary position that the PRES project qualifies as a prescribed undertaking, but makes no comments regarding the MIN to LNG project.⁶ FortisBC notes that the BCUC had previously agreed that “accepted principles of statutory interpretation require that the wording of prescribed undertakings and related conditions as set out in the regulation must be given a fair, large and liberal interpretation in order to accomplish the purpose of the GGRR and the *Clean Energy Act*.” FortisBC submits that those interpretive principles should also be applied when reviewing the PRES project.⁷

² Ibid., p. 5.

³ Procedural Conference Transcript Volume 2, pp. 154–155.

⁴ Ibid., p. 155.

⁵ Ibid., pp. 162 (BCSEA), 175–176 (CEABC), 184–185 (FortisBC).

⁶ Ibid., p. 195.

⁷ Ibid., pp. 184–185.

AMPC, BCOAPO, Zone II RPG, Gjoshe and McCandless take no position at this time regarding the PRES and the MIN to LNG projects.⁸ However, BCOAPO agrees with CEC on the importance of the issues and the need to further develop the evidence regarding these issues.⁹

BCUC Determination

At this time, the Panel makes no determination on either the PRES or the MIN to LNG projects, but directs that these issues remain within the scope of this proceeding for further submissions from the parties.

Interveners' intention to file evidence

Most of the interveners do not intend to file evidence, but reserve the right to file, with the exception of AMPC and Zone II RPG.¹⁰ AMPC submits that it will be filing evidence, which it expects will include the following:

- An assessment of the competitiveness of BC Hydro's industrial rates and the need for developing relevant and innovative rate options for industrial customers;
- A comparison of BC Hydro's practices with other provinces in key areas and an analysis of regulatory accounts; and
- Addressing specific forecast costs, such as Cost of Energy, finance charges and potentially some operating and capital cost issues.¹¹

Zone II RPG submits that it may file some evidence in this proceeding, but did not provide further details.¹²

In response, BC Hydro points out that the first item on AMPC's list is within the scope of a rate design proceeding rather than a revenue requirements proceeding.¹³

BCUC Determination

At this time, the Panel makes no determination on the types of intervener evidence that would be allowed in the proceeding.

Process to review the RRA

In its Pre-filed Comments, BC Hydro states that it supports the inclusion of an oral hearing "for any issue that the BCUC believes would benefit from oral testimony."¹⁴ BC Hydro supports an oral hearing because it recognizes that:

1. it has been some time since there was an oral hearing regarding BC Hydro's revenue requirements; and
2. there were some issues that the BCUC had either concerns or desired further information about at the end of the previous revenue requirements proceeding.¹⁵

⁸ Procedural Conference Transcript Volume 2, pp. 165 (AMPC), 178 (BCOAPO), 187 (Zone II RPG), 190–191 (Gjoshe), 192 (McCandless).

⁹ *Ibid.*, pp. 178–179.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, pp. 156 (CEC), 162 (BCSEA), 165 (AMPC), 176 (CEABC), 179 (BCOAPO), 185 (FortisBC), 187–188 (Zone II RPG), 191 (Gjoshe), 192 (McCandless), 194 (Ince).

¹¹ *Ibid.*, pp. 166–167.

¹² *Ibid.*, pp. 187–188.

¹³ *Ibid.*, pp. 208–209.

¹⁴ Exhibit B-8, BCH Pre-filed Comments, p. 6.

¹⁵ Procedural Conference Transcript Volume 2, pp. 135–136.

It submits that an oral hearing should focus on specific rather than broad issues, and the BCUC should establish a detailed issues list to focus the scope of the oral hearing. BC Hydro submits that a decision on the scope of any oral hearing should be made at a second procedural conference after the responses to a second round of information requests (IRs) are filed.¹⁶

Many interveners support including a focused oral component to the review of the Application.¹⁷ A few of the interveners identified specific issues that could be addressed at an oral hearing but agree with BC Hydro that the scoping of issues for the oral hearing should occur at a second procedural conference.¹⁸

AMPC requests an oral hearing and points out that an oral hearing is a standard and accepted practice across North America for regulated utilities.¹⁹ CEC suggests that in addition to an oral hearing, it may be appropriate to have a streamlined review process for certain topics.²⁰

BCUC Determination

At this time, the Panel makes no determination on which parts of the Application may be reviewed in a streamlined review process or an oral hearing. The Panel agrees with BC Hydro and many of the interveners that the scope of an oral component should be addressed at a second procedural conference.

Regulatory Timetable for the review of the RRA

In its Pre-filed Comments, BC Hydro provided a draft regulatory timetable which provides for a full written process, and an oral component if necessary (Original Timetable).²¹ BC Hydro also states that it intends to file an evidentiary update, but the timing of the update is dependent on when the Government of B.C. releases its public accounts, which statutorily cannot be later than August 30, 2019 (Evidentiary Update).²²

BC Hydro states that the Evidentiary Update is important, but it will be narrow in both size and scope. It submits that the Evidentiary Update will focus on: 1) updating the amortization of the regulatory accounts based on fiscal 2019 actuals; and 2) updating the Cost of Energy forecast.²³ It will also include an updated Appendix A to the Application, and “a discussion of a limited number of the more significant developments that are reflected [in the schedules in Appendix A].”²⁴ BC Hydro’s position is that it is efficient to delay the second round of IRs until after the Evidentiary Update is filed rather than bifurcate the second round of IRs. In BC Hydro’s view, not bifurcating the second round of IRs would reduce the potential for confusion regarding what information would be affected and would provide additional time for parties to review the responses to the first round of IRs. Furthermore, bifurcating the second round of IRs would not materially shorten the proceeding.²⁵

A few interveners requested slight adjustments to the Original Timetable,²⁶ but generally agree on the events outlined in the Original Timetable except for the following issues:

¹⁶ Exhibit B-8, BCH Pre-filed Comments, pp. 6, 9, 10.

¹⁷ Procedural Conference Transcript Volume 2, pp. 156–157 (CEC), 162 (BCSEA), 177 (CEABC), 180 (BCOAPO), 188 (Zone II RPG), 191 (Gjoshe), 194 (Ince).

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, pp. 159–160 (CEC), 170–171 (AMPC), 188 (Zone II RPG).

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, pp. 167–168.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, p. 158.

²¹ Exhibit B-8, BCH Pre-filed Comments, pp. 11–12.

²² Exhibit B-8, BCH Pre-filed Comments, pp. 12–13.

²³ Procedural Conference Transcript Volume 2, p. 143.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 144.

²⁵ Exhibit B-8, BCH Pre-filed Comments, p. 14.

²⁶ Procedural Conference Transcript Volume 2, pp. 160–161 (CEC), 180 (BCOAPO), 189 (Zone II RPG).

1. the timing of certain events should be in sequential order rather than parallel;²⁷ and
2. the timing of the second procedural conference;²⁸

AMPC submits that the date to file intervener evidence is too soon, and the parallel dates presented in the Original Timetable do not enable the intervener evidence to directly respond to BC Hydro's evidence.²⁹ CEABC notes that interveners may decide whether to present evidence after they have considered the responses to IRs, the load forecast and the Cost of Energy update.³⁰

Some of the interveners submit that the second procedural conference should occur after the additional evidence and IR responses are filed.³¹

In response, BC Hydro put forward an alternative draft regulatory timetable that is based on the statutory release date of the Government of B.C.'s public accounts and provides for a sequential or linear process (Alternative Timetable).³²

BCUC Determination

The Panel finds that a sequential process for filing intervener evidence provides for a more thorough review of the Application. The Panel appreciates BC Hydro's efforts in incorporating this sequencing in the Alternative Timetable. The Panel also finds that a second procedural conference is most appropriate after additional evidence and IR responses are filed. The Panel is persuaded by arguments put forward by some of the interveners that this information would help inform the scope of the oral component of the proceeding.

However, the Panel has concerns with both timetables proposed by BC Hydro as the lengthy gap in the period between when responses to the first round of IRs are filed and when the Evidentiary Update is filed does not allow for an efficient review of the Application. The Panel also notes BC Hydro's desire to complete this review "in a reasonable period of time."³³ Given that the Evidentiary Update is relatively narrow in scope, the Panel does not agree with BC Hydro that it would be more efficient to not bifurcate the second round of IRs. In the Panel's view, efficiency can be gained by moving forward with a second round of IRs prior to the filing of the Evidentiary Update on the topics that will not be the subject of the Evidentiary Update. This will then allow for a subsequent round of IRs that only deal with the subjects of the Evidentiary Update, primarily regulatory accounts and Cost of Energy. The Panel is concerned with the uncertainty of the release date of the Government of B.C.'s public accounts. In the Panel's view, the Government of B.C.'s public accounts could potentially be released at any time until August 30th, which creates difficulty in establishing an efficient further regulatory timetable to review the Application. In the event the Government of B.C.'s public accounts are released prior to August 30th, it may warrant the establishment of a revised regulatory timetable to reasonably shorten the length of the proceeding while still allowing the various activities in the process to take place.

For these reasons, a further Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application is established as set out in Appendix B to this order. The Panel directs BC Hydro to inform the BCUC when the Government of B.C.'s public accounts are released, if released prior to August 30, 2019, and to provide the BCUC with a date for the

²⁷ Ibid., pp. 171 (AMPC), 200 (BCSEA).

²⁸ Ibid., pp. 177 (CEABC), 189 (Zone II RPG).

²⁹ Ibid., p. 171.

³⁰ Ibid., p. 178.

³¹ Ibid., pp. 177 (CEABC), 180 (BCOAPO), 189 (Zone II RPG).

³² Ibid., pp. 215–218.

³³ Ibid., p. 151.

completion of the Evidentiary Update. The Panel, at that time, may issue a revised regulatory timetable to reflect these new dates.

Temporary redaction of updated Cost of Energy forecast

BC Hydro states that the Evidentiary Update will include an updated Cost of Energy forecast based on the June 2019 Energy Study. BC Hydro requests that certain information in the updated Cost of Energy forecast be redacted and held temporarily confidential until mid-October. The information will be available to the BCUC and the BCUC's consultants, but not to those who have signed confidential undertakings. In both versions of the timetables proposed by BC Hydro, an opportunity is provided for interveners to ask IRs on the updated Cost of Energy forecast after the mid-October public release of the document.³⁴

BC Hydro submits that a premature public release of the information would cause significant harm to BC Hydro and its customers because it would reveal aspects of BC Hydro's forecast energy sales and purchases with Powerex, and thereby provide insights into Powerex's potential activity in the wholesale electricity markets.³⁵ In BC Hydro's view, "the magnitude of the harm to customers in the event of inadvertent disclosure is sufficiently large to warrant" not providing this information to those who have signed confidential undertakings.³⁶

Several of the interveners argue that signed confidential undertakings should be sufficient to have access to the unredacted updated Cost of Energy forecast, and point out that mitigating provisions could be put in place to minimize the risk of inadvertent disclosure of the information.³⁷ In AMPC's view, BC Hydro is avoiding "the BCUC's well established confidentiality procedures, which are more stringent than those adopted by comparable regulators," without providing evidence of the information's sensitivity.³⁸

In response, BC Hydro clarifies that the topline information of the Cost of Energy will be available to everyone in the redacted version of the Evidentiary Update, and only certain details would be held temporarily confidential.³⁹ BC Hydro submits that there have been incidences where information had been disclosed in proceedings, even when signed confidential undertakings had been made. In BC Hydro's view, it is worth keeping the information confidential and restricting its circulation because its disclosure can cause significant harm to its customers. BC Hydro further explains this information "would telegraph to the market how much BC Hydro would be purchasing and when and in what particular period of time." This would in turn, "allow other market participants in the wholesale markets to act in advance, pre-emptively, to the detriment of BC Hydro and its customers." BC Hydro also points out that certain members of intervener groups are also competitors of BC Hydro and Powerex and stresses the importance of not disclosing this information to its competitors.⁴⁰

BCUC Determination

The Panel recognizes the concerns raised by the interveners and acknowledges that holding information confidential from those who have signed undertakings is rare and unusual. However, the Panel is persuaded by BC Hydro's argument that disclosing this information prematurely would have significant detrimental impact to BC Hydro and its customers. The Panel also acknowledges that the inadvertent disclosure of confidential information has occurred in the past. Furthermore, the Regulatory Timetable provides the opportunity for interveners to ask IRs on the information once it is no longer sensitive and allows interveners to receive

³⁴ Exhibit B-8, BCH Pre-filed Comments, p. 14; Procedural Conference Transcript Volume 2, p. 153.

³⁵ Exhibit B-8, BCH Pre-filed Comments, p. 14.

³⁶ Exhibit B-8, BCH Pre-filed Comments, p. 15.

³⁷ Procedural Conference Transcript Volume 2, pp. 173–174 (AMPC), 181–182 (BCOAPO), 188 (Zone II RPG), 201 (CEC).

³⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 173.

³⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 204.

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, pp. 210–213.

responses to these IRs prior to filing intervener evidence and an oral hearing. The Panel finds that given the unique circumstances and the accommodations made in the Regulatory Timetable, this arrangement strikes a reasonable balance between procedural fairness and reducing the risk of inadvertent disclosure of sensitive information without unreasonably delaying the review process. **Therefore, the Panel grants BC Hydro's request for confidentiality of certain information in the updated Cost of Energy forecast. The information is to be held confidential until the public release of the information as contemplated in the further Regulatory Timetable set out in Appendix B to this order.**

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Fiscal 2020 to Fiscal 2021 Revenue Requirements Application

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2019)
Intervener PACA Budgets (on or before)	Thursday, July 11
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 2 to BC Hydro <i>(on all topics, except for regulatory and deferral accounts and Cost of Energy [COE])</i>	Friday, July 26
Intervener IR No. 2 to BC Hydro <i>(on all topics, except for regulatory and deferral accounts and COE)</i>	Thursday, August 1
BC Hydro responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 2	Tuesday, September 3
BC Hydro Evidentiary Update	Tuesday, September 3
BCUC and Intervener IRs on Evidentiary Update <i>(includes regulatory and deferral accounts and COE)</i>	Thursday, September 19
BC Hydro 20-Year Load Forecast	Thursday, October 3
BC Hydro responses to BCUC and Intervener IRs on Evidentiary Update	Thursday, October 10
Public Release of COE Evidentiary Update	Friday, October 18
BCUC and Intervener IRs on 20-Year Load Forecast	Wednesday, October 30
Intervener IRs on COE Evidentiary Update	Wednesday, October 30
BC Hydro responses to BCUC and Intervener IRs on 20-Year Load Forecast	Thursday, November 14
BC Hydro responses to Intervener IRs on COE Evidentiary Update	Thursday, November 14
Intervener Evidence	Tuesday, December 3
IRs on Intervener Evidence*	Tuesday, December 17
Procedural Conference	Thursday, December 19

* All parties may ask IRs on the intervener evidence filed

Action	Date (2020)
Responses to IRs on Intervener Evidence	Friday, January 10
BC Hydro Rebuttal Evidence (if any)	Wednesday, January 15
Oral Hearing	Commencing Monday, January 20
BC Hydro Final Argument	Two weeks after the oral hearing concludes
Intervener Final Arguments	Two weeks after BC Hydro Final Argument
BC Hydro Reply Argument	Two weeks after Intervener Final Arguments