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| <b>BC HYDRO F2020–F2021<br/>REVENUE REQUIREMENTS EXHIBIT A-31</b> |
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**Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority – F2020–F2021 Revenue Requirements Application – Project No. 1598990 – Amended Regulatory Timetable and Final Arguments Request**

In consideration of the impact of the global pandemic COVID-19, enclosed please find Order G-63-20 amending the regulatory timetable.

In addition, the Panel requests that parties' final arguments include its position and rationale for the following:

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;
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*; and
3. Whether British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's investments in electric vehicle charging infrastructure should be included in rate base during the current test period and recovered from ratepayers or be separately tracked and excluded from rate base until the British Columbia Utilities Commission directs otherwise, given the developing landscape of the electric vehicle charging stations market in BC.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by:*

Patrick Wruck  
Commission Secretary

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Enclosure



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**G-63-20**

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 March 26, 2020

**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. By Orders G-45-19, G-146-19, G-218-19, G-268-19, G-279-19 and G-312-19, the Panel established and later amended a further Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application which provided for, among other things, an oral hearing to commence on January 20, 2020;
- C. By letter dated March 5, 2020, the Panel provided a revised regulatory timetable with final and reply arguments and an oral argument phase, if necessary;
- D. In consideration of the global pandemic COVID-19 (Pandemic), the BCUC issued a letter on March 13, 2020 to all BCUC regulated entities that all public hearings will be cancelled until further notice; and

E. The BCUC has considered the Pandemic with respect to the timing of final arguments and finds that an amendment to the Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the BCUC further amends the Regulatory Timetable provided in the Panel's March 5, 2020 letter. The further amended Regulatory Timetable is set out in Appendix A to this order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 26th day of March 2020.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

D. M. Morton  
Commissioner

Attachment

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

**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

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| Action                             | Date (2020)        |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| BC Hydro Final Argument            | Wednesday, April 1 |
| Intervener Final Arguments         | Monday, May 4      |
| BC Hydro Reply Argument            | Wednesday, May 27  |
| Argument – Oral Phase, if required | To be determined   |