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BCH AMEND NET METERING SERVICE UNDER RS 1289 EXHIBIT A-2-1

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Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority – Application to Amend Net Metering Service under Rate Schedule 1289 – Regulatory Timetable and Public Notice

Dear Mr. James:

Further to your April 29, 2019 filing of the above-noted application, enclosed please find amended Order G-103-19A replacing Order G-103-19 due to a typographical error in directive 3 of the order.

Parties who wish to participate in the regulatory proceeding as interveners are to register with the BCUC by completing a Request to Intervene Form, available on the BCUC's website under Get Involved, by Friday, June 13, 2019, not June 7, 2019, as established in the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to the order.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Patrick Wruck
Commission Secretary

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Enclosure



ORDER NUMBER
G-103-19A

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application to Amend Net Metering Service under Rate Schedule 1289

BEFORE:

D. A. Cote, Panel Chair
R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on May 14, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. By British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) letter L-37-03 dated July 22, 2003, the BCUC recommended the development and implementation of a net metering tariff, and directed British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) to prepare an application for a simple net metering tariff with at minimum a number of listed parameters;
- B. BC Hydro's Net Metering Tariff under Rate Schedule (RS) 1289 was subsequently amended by Orders G-90-05, G-4-09, G-57-12, G-104-14 and G-116-15;
- C. On April 20, 2018, BC Hydro filed an application to seek approval from the BCUC to amend RS 1289 so that RS 1289 was no longer available to customers proposing a generating facility with an estimated annual energy output that is greater than their estimated annual load (2018 Amendment Application). BC Hydro describes the 2018 Amendment Application as an interim step to address the issue of oversized generating facilities while BC Hydro undertakes a broader review of the Program and its requirements;
- D. On June 1, 2018, by Order G-100-18, the BCUC approved the 2018 Amendment Application on an interim basis and directed BC Hydro to file its Net Metering application by December 15, 2018;
- E. On October 10, 2018, BC Hydro filed an application requesting an extension to the filing date of its Net Metering application to no later than July 31, 2019;
- F. On January 7, 2019, by Order G-3-19, the BCUC directed BC Hydro to file its Net Metering application by no later than April 30, 2019;
- G. On April 29, 2019, BC Hydro filed an application to seek approval from the BCUC to, among other things, amend the Availability, Billing and Rate provisions in RS 1289 (Application);

- H. In the Application, BC Hydro proposes to:
- Make permanent the amendments sought in the 2018 Amendment Application that were approved on an interim basis by Order G-100-18, with adjustments to provide additional flexibility to meet the current and future needs of customers;
 - Assign all customers a default Anniversary Date of March 1 and to allow customers to choose their own Anniversary Date once;
 - Update the Energy Price from 9.99 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) to an amount that reflects the price BC Hydro can sell the electricity for on the regional wholesale market;
 - Make various minor amendments to improve the clarity, simplicity and safety of the Net Metering Program and to reflect existing program practices; and
 - Maintain the current Energy Price of 9.99 cents per kWh for all customers with accepted applications as of April 20, 2018, for a period of five years; and
- I. The BCUC has considered the nature of the approvals requested and considers that establishing a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. A written hearing process is established for the review of the Application in accordance with the Regulatory Timetable as set out in Appendix A of this order.
2. As soon as reasonably possible, BC Hydro must publish the public version of the Application, this order and the Regulatory Timetable on its website and to provide a copy of the Application and this order to: all registered interveners and interested parties in the 2018 Amendment Application proceeding; all current Rate Schedule 1289 customers; those with net metering service applications in progress; all participants in BC Hydro's two webinars dated March 18, 2019 and April 1, 2019; and all respondents to BC Hydro's Engagement Survey following the webinars.
3. Parties who wish to participate in the regulatory proceeding as interveners are to register with the BCUC by completing a [Request to Intervene Form](#), available on the BCUC's website under Get Involved, by Friday, June 13, 2019 as established in the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this order, and in accordance with the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure attached to Order G-15-19.
4. BC Hydro must publish notice of this Application on its Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook social media platforms, on or before Wednesday, May 22, 2019. It must also publish weekly reminder notices on each of these platforms until the conclusion of the intervener registration period on Wednesday, June 12, 2019.
5. BC Hydro must publish in print/display-ad format, on or before Friday, May 24, 2019, the Notice of Application attached as Appendix B to this order, in an effort to properly provide adequate notice to those who have an interest or may be impacted by the Application. Print advertising must include, but is not limited to, the following media outlets:
 - The Vancouver Sun;
 - The Victoria Times Colonist;
 - The Kelowna Daily Courier;
 - The Prince George Citizen; and
 - The Alaska Highway News.

6. BC Hydro must make the Application and non-confidential supporting material available for inspection at BC Hydro's head office located on the 16th Floor at 333 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, BC, and at the BCUC's office at Suite 410, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this *15th* day of May 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. A. Cote
Commissioner

Attachments

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application to Amend Net Metering Service under Rate Schedule 1289

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2019)
BC Hydro to provide public notice	Friday, May 24
Intervener Registration	Thursday, June 13
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to BC Hydro	Thursday, June 27
Intervener IR No. 1 to BC Hydro	Wednesday, July 3
BC Hydro responses to BCUC and Intervener IRs No. 1	Tuesday, July 23
Intervener and BC Hydro submissions on further process	Tuesday, July 30
Further process	To be determined



We want to hear from you

BC HYDRO'S APPLICATION TO AMEND NET METERING SERVICE

On April 29, 2019, BC Hydro filed its Application to Amend Net Metering Service under Rate Schedule 1289 (Application) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC). The Application contains several proposals, including changes to: the price of any energy in the generation account balance; the program anniversary date; and the size of the qualifying generating facility.

More information on the application can be found at www.bcuc.com on our "Current Proceedings" page and a hard copy of the application is also available for review at the BCUC's office and BC Hydro's head office.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- 💡 **Submit a letter of comment**
- 💡 **Register as an interested party**
- 💡 **Request intervener status**

IMPORTANT DATES

- 💡 **Thursday, June 13, 2019** – Deadline to register as an intervener with the BCUC

For more information on getting involved, please visit our website (www.bcuc.com/get-involved) or contact us at the information below.

GET MORE INFORMATION

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