



ORDER NUMBER
G-253-21

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Bridge River Projects

BEFORE:

R. I. Mason, Panel Chair
C. M. Brewer, Commissioner
A. C. Dennier, Commissioner

on August 26, 2021

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 23, 2021, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) for the Bridge River 1 Units 1 to 4 Generator Replacement Project (BR1 Project) and a CPCN for the Bridge River Transmission Project (BRT Project) (together, Application);
- B. In the Application, BC Hydro requests approval for:
 - a. The BR1 Project to replace aging generating equipment within the Bridge River 1 Generating Station; and
 - b. The BRT Project to increase the maximum capacity of the 2L90 circuit and to refurbish existing circuit infrastructure;
- C. In the Application, BC Hydro requests that certain information in the Application and several Appendices be held confidential due to the commercially sensitive nature of the information, in accordance with Part IV of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure; and
- D. The BCUC has commenced its review of the Application and determines that the establishment of a public hearing and a regulatory timetable are warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. A public hearing is established for the review of the Application in accordance with the regulatory timetable as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. BC Hydro must publish the Public Notice, attached as Appendix B to this order, in print/display-ad format in appropriate news publications, such as but not limited to, local and community newspapers to provide adequate notice to those parties who may have an interest in or be affected by the Application, as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than Tuesday, September 14, 2021.
3. As soon as practicable, but not later than Tuesday, September 14, 2021, BC Hydro must publish notice of this Application on its website and social media platforms. It must also publish weekly reminder notices on each platform until the conclusion of the intervener registration period on Tuesday, September 28, 2021.
4. BC Hydro must provide an electronic copy of the Application and this order by no later than Tuesday, September 14, 2021 to registered interveners in the BC Hydro 2022 Revenue Requirements proceeding and potentially affected Indigenous groups.
5. Persons who wish to actively participate in this proceeding must complete a Request to Intervene Form, available on the BCUC's website at <https://www.bcuc.com/get-involved/get-involved-proceeding.html> by Tuesday, September 28, 2021 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.
6. The BCUC accepts BC Hydro's confidentiality requests, as filed, unless determined otherwise by the BCUC.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 26th day of August 2021.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2021)
BC Hydro to publish Notice of the Application	Tuesday, September 14
Intervener registration deadline	Tuesday, September 28
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to BC Hydro	Tuesday, October 5
Intervener IR No. 1 to BC Hydro	Tuesday, October 12
BC Hydro responses to BCUC and Intervener IRs No. 1	Tuesday, November 2
BCUC and Intervener IR No. 2 to BC Hydro	Tuesday, December 7
Action	Date (2022)
BC Hydro responses to BCUC and Intervener IRs No. 2	Tuesday, January 11
Procedural Conference (time to be determined)	To Be Determined



We want to hear from you

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Application for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Bridge River Projects

On July 23, 2021, BC Hydro and Power Authority filed a joint Application for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Bridge River 1 Units 1 to 4 Replacement Project and the Bridge River Transmission Project (Application). The purpose of the Bridge River 1 Project is to address the deteriorating condition of the aging generators, governors, exciters and control systems at the Bridge River 1 Generating Station, both to improve reliability and to improve water flow management in Lower Bridge River to help avoid negative impacts to fish and fish habitat and St'át'imc Nation values. The expected cost of the Bridge River 1 Project is \$326.3 million including all contingencies, inflation, capital overhead, interest during construction and reserves. The purpose of the Bridge River Transmission Project is to address system constraints on the Bridge River Transmission System to accommodate existing and future generation, and to address asset health issues and clearance defects to improve the reliability and safety of the 2L90 circuit. The conceptual expected cost of the Bridge River Transmission Project is \$66.2 million at an AACE Class 5 estimate.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 – Deadline to register as an intervener with the BCUC

For more information about the Application, please visit the [Proceeding Webpage](#) on bcuc.com under "Regulatory Activities – Current Proceedings." To learn more about getting involved, please visit our website at www.bcuc.com/get-involved or contact us at the information below.

GET MORE INFORMATION

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