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BC HYDRO 2021 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN EXHIBIT A-2

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Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority – 2021 Integrated Resource Plan – Project No. 1599287 – Order G-15-22 – Regulatory Timetable and Public Notice

Dear Mr. Sandve:

Further to your December 21, 2021 filing of the above-noted application, enclosed please find British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-15-22 establishing a regulatory timetable and public notice.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Patrick Wruck
Commission Secretary

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ORDER NUMBER
G-15-22

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
2021 Integrated Resource Plan

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair
C. M. Brewer, Commissioner
T. A. Loski, Commissioner
R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on January 21, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 21, 2021, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed its 2021 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Application (Application), pursuant to section 44.1 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) and in accordance with Order G-28-21 dated January 27, 2021;
- B. In the Application, BC Hydro seeks the following approvals:
 - i. Acceptance of the 2021 IRP Application pursuant to section 44.1(6) of the UCA; and
 - ii. Approval of the Contingency Resource Plans and high load scenarios of BC Hydro's 2021 IRP for inclusion in a Network Integration Transmission Service update under BC Hydro's Open Access Transmission Tariff, which will reserve the transmission capacity if it is needed for BC Hydro to implement the Contingency Resource Plans and serve the high load scenarios;
- C. BC Hydro requests the following information be held confidential:
 - i. Certain information in Chapter 6 regarding the market price forecast of the day ahead Mid-Columbia market which is proprietary, and BC Hydro is unable to disclose to third-parties; and
 - ii. The entirety of Appendix Q which is the Walden North Engineering Study and contains commercially sensitive information; and
- D. The BCUC determines that the establishment of a public hearing process and regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. A Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application is established as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. BC Hydro must provide a copy of this order within five business days of its issuance, electronically where possible, to the following:
 - a. All members of the 2021 IRP Technical Advisory Committee;
 - b. All Indigenous Nations and Tribal Councils in BC and the BC First Nations Energy and Mining Council;
 - c. To the extent BC Hydro is able to, all stakeholders who actively participated in BC Hydro's Public and Customer consultation stream as described in Section 4.2.2.1 of the Application;
 - d. Where not covered by the above, interveners in the following proceedings:
 - i. BC Hydro Fiscal (F) 2020 – F2021 Revenue Requirements
 - ii. BC Hydro F2022 Revenue Requirements
 - iii. BC Hydro F2023 – F2025 Revenue Requirements
 - iv. BC Hydro Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Bridge River Projects
 - v. BC Hydro CPCN for the Mainwaring Substation Upgrade Project
 - vi. All BC Hydro applications respecting Electricity Purchase Agreements filed since 2018
 - e. Union of BC Municipalities and BC Municipal Electrical Utilities.
3. BC Hydro must publish in print/display-ad format the Public Notice in Appendix B, on or before Thursday, February 3, 2021, in appropriate news publications to provide adequate notice to the public.
4. BC Hydro must post the Public Notice in Appendix B on its Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook social media platforms, on or before Thursday, January 27, 2022. It must also publish fortnightly reminder notices on each of these platforms until the conclusion of the intervener registration period on Tuesday, March 22, 2022.
5. BC Hydro must provide confirmation to the BCUC when the public notice has been posted, including a list of the publications (paper and digital) in which the notice was posted.
6. BC Hydro must make the Application and this order available on its website at <http://www.bchydro.com> by Thursday, January 27, 2022.
7. Parties who wish to actively participate in the proceeding are to register with the BCUC by completing a [Request to Intervene Form](#), available on the BCUC's website under Get Involved, by the date established in the Regulatory Timetable and in accordance with the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure attached to Order G-15-19. Parties who wish to stay informed about the proceeding may register as an interested party by completing an [Interested Party Form](#), available on the BCUC's website under Get Involved.
8. The BCUC will hold confidential the proprietary information contained in Chapter 6 of the Application, and Appendix Q of the Application.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 21st day of January 21, 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
2021 Integrated Resource Plan

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2022)
BC Hydro publishes Notice of Application on its social media platforms	Thursday, January 27
BC Hydro publishes Notice of Application in print/display ad format	Thursday, February 3
Intervener registration deadline	Tuesday, March 22
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to BC Hydro	Tuesday, April 5
Intervener IR No. 1 to BC Hydro	Tuesday, April 12
BC Hydro responses to IR No. 1	Thursday, May 19
Placeholder Procedural Conference	To be determined
Further process	To be determined



We want to hear from you

BC HYDRO'S 2021 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN APPLICATION

On December 21, 2021, BC Hydro filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) requesting acceptance of the 2021 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

An integrated resource plan is a guidebook for what, when, and how to meet customers' evolving electricity needs. BC Hydro's 2021 IRP looks at a 20-year time frame and will guide decisions on its integrated system to meet the future electricity needs of its customers. BC Hydro notes that three defining features of the 2021 IRP are: reliance on more customer-based solutions through demand-side measures; flexibility to prepare for a possible future of higher electricity demand due to electrification or lower demand resulting from economic downturns; and supporting BC Hydro's mandate to incorporate the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.

The BCUC encourages all parties who are interested in the 2021 IRP to share their feedback and input by getting involved in the proceeding.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday, March 22, 2022** – Deadline to register as an intervener with the BCUC

For more information about the Application, please visit the [Proceeding Webpage](#) on bcuc.com under "Our Work – 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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