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CREATIVE ENERGY - RRA FOR THE CORE STEAM SYSTEM EXHIBIT A-3

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Re: Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. – 2021 Revenue Requirements Application for the Core Steam System – Project No. 1599157 – Regulatory Timetable

Dear Mr. Gorter:

Further to your December 1, 2020 filing of the above-noted application, enclosed please find British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-11-21 establishing a regulatory timetable and public notice.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Marija Tresoglavic Acting Commission Secretary

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# ORDER NUMBER G-11-21

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

and

Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. 2021 Revenue Requirements Application for the Core Steam System

### **BEFORE:**

A. K. Fung, QC, Panel Chair K. A. Keilty, Commissioner B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on January 13, 2021

### **ORDER**

### WHEREAS:

- A. On December 1, 2020, Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. (Creative Energy) submitted its 2021 Revenue Requirements Application (RRA) for the core steam system (Core Steam System) to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) (Application);
- B. In the Application, Creative Energy requests, among other things, interim and permanent approval effective January 1, 2021 of the steam rates outlined in Appendix B of the Application, which are equivalent to a 7.2 percent rate increase;
- C. Creative Energy submits that the 7.2 percent rate increase in steam rates is determined in part on the basis of 2020 approved rates, which is subject to the BCUC's decision on the Creative Energy Application for Reconsideration and Variance of BCUC Order G-227-20 Directive 4(h) (Reconsideration Application) filed with the BCUC on October 19, 2020 in a separate proceeding;
- D. Creative Energy also states in the Application that the average total rate impact of the proposed rate change, inclusive of fuel cost charges and steam rate increases, is a net rate increase of 2.3 percent;
- E. By Order G-322-20 dated December 8, 2020, the BCUC approved the Reconsideration Application;
- F. By letter dated December 18, 2020, the BCUC requested Creative Energy to incorporate any changes as a result of Order G-322-20 and to provide supplementary information including the requested interim and permanent rate increase for 2021 and the overall increase in average rates in this proceeding;
- G. On January 6, 2021, Creative Energy filed the requested information, including confirmation that the increase in average steam rates effective January 1, 2021 after incorporating Order G-332-20 is 6.9 percent; and

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H. The BCUC has commenced review of the Application and determines that approving an interim rate and establishing a regulatory timetable is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to section 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. Creative Energy is approved to charge steam rates for the Core Steam System, as set forth in Appendix B of the Application and equivalent to a 6.9 percent increase above the 2020 approved rates after incorporating Order G-332-20, on an interim and refundable basis effective January 1, 2021.
- 2. Any variance between the interim rates and permanent rates as determined at the time the BCUC renders its final decision on the Application will be refunded to or collected from ratepayers, with interest at Creative Energy's weighted average cost of debt.
- 3. Creative Energy is directed to file with the BCUC, within 10 days of the date of this order, amended tariff pages in accordance with the terms of this order.
- 4. A regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is established, as set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 5. Creative Energy is directed to provide notice of interim rates and the public notice attached as Appendix B to this order, electronically where possible, to all affected customers by Thursday, January 21, 2021. Creative Energy is also directed to provide notice of the Application and this order to all parties who participated in the Creative Energy 2019-2020 Revenue Requirements Application for the Core Steam System and Northeast False Creek Service Areas proceeding, as soon as reasonably possible, but by no later than Thursday, January 21, 2021.
- 6. Creative Energy is directed to publish notice of the Application on its Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook social media platforms on or before Thursday, January 21, 2021 and is also directed to publish weekly reminder notices on each of these platforms until the conclusion of the intervener registration period on Thursday, February 4, 2021.
- 7. Creative Energy is directed to make the Application available to the public on Creative Energy's website.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A. K. Fung, QC Commissioner

Attachment

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# Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. 2021 Revenue Requirements Application for the Core Steam System

# **REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

Action	Date (2021)
Creative Energy to Provide Notice of Application	Thursday, January 21
Intervener Registration deadline	Thursday, February 4
BCUC and Intervener Information Request (IR) No. 1 to Creative Energy	Thursday, February 11
Intervener IR No. 1 to Creative Energy	Thursday, February 18
Creative Energy responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, March 4
Further process	To be determined



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# CREATIVE ENERGY 2021 CORE STEAM SYSTEM REVENUE REQUIREMENTS APPLICATION

On December 1, 2020, Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. submitted an application to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval to increase rates for the core steam system by 6.9 percent effective January 1, 2021.

Any parties who wish to participate in the BCUC's regulatory review process are invited to register as interveners, interested parties or submit letters of comment. All submissions will be considered by the Panel in its review of the Application. For more information about the Application, please visit the <u>Proceeding Webpage</u>.

## **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

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

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Thursday, February 4, 2021** – Deadline to register as an intervener with the BCUC

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

## **GET MORE INFORMATION**

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