



ORDER NUMBER
G-97-23

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

and

Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc.
Fuel Cost Adjustment Charge and Rate Rider

BEFORE:

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair
D. M. Morton, Commissioner

on April 27, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 31, 2023, Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. (Creative Energy) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) an application seeking approval of an updated Fuel Cost Adjustment Charge (FCAC) of \$19.40 per thousand pounds steam (/M#) from 19.90/M# effective May 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023. Further, Creative Energy requests approval of a FCAC Rate Rider of \$2.00/M# effective May 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 (Application);
- B. By Letter L-22-19 dated May 30, 2019, the BCUC accepted Creative Energy's proposed contracting plan to obtain natural gas supply and delivery from FortisBC Energy Inc. under Rate Schedule 7, effective November 1, 2019;
- C. By Order G-55-22 dated February 28, 2022, the BCUC approved the FCAC rate rider of \$2.00/M# effective February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023;
- D. By Order G-334-22 dated November 24, 2022, the BCUC approved the FCAC of \$19.90/M# effective November 1, 2022;
- E. Creative Energy's proposed FCAC is based on the 12-month forecast of fuel costs totaling \$24,975,574, using the 2022/2023 steam load forecast of 1,144,000/M# for the 2022/2023 Gas Year approved by Order G-345-22A dated November 29, 2022;
- F. The BCUC determines that the establishment of a public hearing process and regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 61(4) and 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC orders the following:

1. BCUC approves the FCAC and FCAC Rate Rider as proposed in the Application, on an interim and refundable basis, effective May 1, 2023.
2. Any variance between the interim and permanent rates for the FCAC and FCAC Rate Rider, as determined by the BCUC following its final determination of the Application, is subject to refund or recovery from ratepayers, with interest at Creative Energy's cost of debt.
3. A regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is established as set out in Appendix A to this order.
4. Creative Energy is directed to file amended tariff pages for endorsement by the BCUC within 15 days of the date of this order.
5. Creative Energy must provide a copy of the Application and this order, electronically where possible, by May 4, 2023, to all customers of the Core Thermal Energy Systems and registered interveners in the Creative Energy 2023 RRA proceeding.
6. Creative Energy is directed to post the Application and this order on its website at <https://creative.energy/> by May 4, 2023.
7. Creative Energy is directed to provide confirmation of compliance with Directives 5 and 6 of this order by May 9, 2023. Such confirmation shall include confirmation that the Application and this order were published on Creative Energy's website and a list of all parties notified.
8. In accordance with the BCUC [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#), any party who wishes to actively participate in the proceeding must complete a [Request to Intervene Form](#), available on the BCUC's website, by the date established in the regulatory timetable. Any party may submit a letter of comment by completing a [Letter of Comment Form](#), available on the BCUC's website.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 27th day of April 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski
Commissioner

Attachment

Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc.
Fuel Cost Adjustment Charge and FCAC Rate Rider Proceeding
REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2023)
Creative Energy to Provide Notice of the Application and post the Application and this Order on Creative Energy's website	Thursday, May 4
Creative Energy to Provide Confirmation of Compliance with Notice Requirements	Tuesday, May 9
Intervener Registration Deadline	Thursday, May 25
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to Creative Energy	Thursday, June 8
Intervener IR No. 1 to Creative Energy	Thursday, June 15
Creative Energy Responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, June 29
Submissions on Further Process	Thursday, July 13