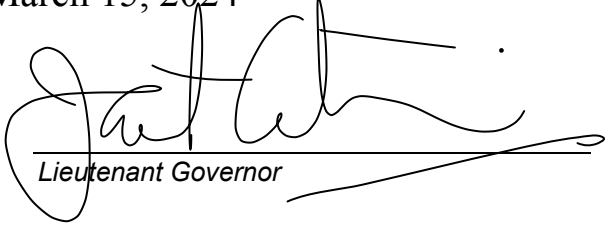


PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 130

, Approved and Ordered March 15, 2024



Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that the attached Directive to the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Respecting the British Columbia Energy Affordability Credit is made.



Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Hydro and Power Authority Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 212, s. 35

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# DIRECTIVE TO THE BRITISH COLUMBIA HYDRO AND POWER AUTHORITY RESPECTING THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ENERGY AFFORDABILITY CREDIT

## Definitions

1 In this directive:

“**2023/2024**” means the period from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024;

“**2024/2025**” means the period from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025;

“**account**” means a record respecting service provided by the authority to the premises of an RIB customer or non-RIB customer;

“**Act**” means the *Hydro and Power Authority Act*;

“**Electric Tariff**” means the Electric Tariff of the authority;

“**non-RIB customer**” means a customer of the authority who meets the following criteria:

(a) during 2024/2025, the customer receives service from the authority in British Columbia under a Schedule A rate schedule;

(b) the customer

(i) had an open account on March 31, 2024, or

(ii) had an open account during 2023/2024, closed the account during the period of March 22, 2024 to March 31, 2024, and opened a new account within 10 days of the date the customer closed the account;

“**premises**” has the same meaning as in section 1.2 of the Electric Tariff;

“**previous account**” means any account held by an RIB customer or non-RIB customer during 2023/2024 that was closed during that period;

“**RIB customer**” means a residential inclining block customer of the authority who meets the following criteria:

(a) during 2024/2025, the customer receives service from the authority in British Columbia under an RIB rate schedule;

(b) the customer

(i) had an open account on March 31, 2024, or

(ii) had an open account during 2023/2024, closed the account during the period of March 22, 2024 to March 31, 2024, and opened a new account within 10 days of the date the customer closed the account;

“**RIB rate schedule**” means one of the following rate schedules established under the Electric Tariff:

(a) 1101;

(b) 1121;

“**Schedule A rate schedule**” means a rate schedule set out in Schedule A.

## Application

2 This directive is issued to the authority under section 35 of the Act.

**Directive respecting account credits – non-RIB customers**

- 3 Subject to sections 5 to 7, the authority must, on each bill issued by the authority to a non-RIB customer in respect of service provided during 2024/2025, provide to the customer a credit calculated using the following formula:

$$A = \frac{(B \times 4.6\%)}{365} \times C$$

where

- A = the amount of the credit in dollars;
- B = the greatest of the following amounts:
- (i) the total charges billed on the customer's account and, if applicable, on the customer's previous accounts, under a Schedule A rate schedule for the 12-month period ending on the date the last bill for 2023/2024 was issued;
  - (ii) if no bill was issued in respect of the customer's account before March 31, 2024, an estimate of the total charges to be billed on the customer's account under a Schedule A rate schedule for the 12-month period ending on March 31, 2024;
  - (iii) the sum of \$522;
- C = the number of days in the billing period in relation to the bill being issued to the customer.

**Directive respecting account credits – RIB customers**

- 4 Subject to sections 5 to 7, the authority must, on each bill issued by the authority to an RIB customer in respect of service provided during 2024/2025, provide to the customer a credit calculated using the following formula:

$$A = \frac{(B \times 0.0166)}{365} \times C$$

where

- A = the amount of the credit in dollars;
- B = the greatest of the following, expressed in the number of kWh:
- (i) the total kWh billed on the customer's account and, if applicable, on the customer's previous accounts at the Step 1 energy charge under an RIB rate schedule for the 12-month period ending on the date the last bill for 2023/2024 was issued;
  - (ii) if no bill was issued in respect of the customer's account before March 31, 2024, an estimate of the total kWh to be billed on the customer's account at the Step 1 energy charge under an RIB rate schedule for the 12-month period ending on March 31, 2024;
  - (iii) 1446 kWh;
- C = the number of days in the billing period in relation to the bill being issued to the customer.

### **Rules respecting accounts closed during 2024/2025**

- 5 (1) If an RIB or non-RIB customer
  - (a) is entitled to a credit under this directive, and
  - (b) closes the customer's account during 2024/2025,the authority must, before the account is closed, apply the credit to the account, unless subsection (2) applies.
- (2) If, during 2024/2025, an RIB customer or non-RIB customer
  - (a) holds more than one account,
  - (b) closes one of those accounts during 2024/2025, and
  - (c) is, in respect of the closed account, entitled to a credit under this directive,the authority must transfer the credit owed to an open account held by the customer.

### **Bankruptcy and death**

- 6 (1) If an RIB customer or non-RIB customer is not an individual and becomes bankrupt, the authority must transfer the remainder of any credit that is owed under this directive to an account held by the customer's trustee in bankruptcy, if there is such an account.
- (2) If an RIB customer or non-RIB customer is an individual and that individual dies, the authority must transfer the remainder of any credit that is owed under this directive to an account held by the estate or surviving spouse of the deceased individual, if there is such an account.

### **Credit respecting first billing period in 2024/2025**

- 7 The authority may provide a credit owed to an RIB customer or non-RIB customer in respect of the first billing period in 2024/2025 on either the first or second bill in 2024/2025.

## SCHEDULE A

**1** The rate schedules for the purpose of paragraph (a) of the definition of “non-RIB customer” in section 1 of this directive are the following:

- (a) 1105;
- (b) 1107;
- (c) 1127;
- (d) 1148;
- (e) 1151;
- (f) 1161;
- (g) 1200;
- (h) 1201;
- (i) 1210;
- (j) 1211;
- (k) 1234;
- (l) 1255;
- (m) 1256;
- (n) 1265;
- (o) 1266;
- (p) 1280;
- (q) 1300;
- (r) 1301;
- (s) 1310;
- (t) 1311;
- (u) 1500;
- (v) 1501;
- (w) 1510;
- (x) 1511;
- (y) 1600;
- (z) 1601;
- (aa) 1610;
- (bb) 1611;
- (cc) 1640;
- (dd) 1641;
- (ee) 1642;
- (ff) 1643;
- (gg) 1650;
- (hh) 1651;
- (ii) 1652;
- (jj) 1653;
- (kk) 1823;

(ll) 1825;  
(mm) 1827;  
(nn) 1828;  
(oo) 1830;  
(pp) 1852;  
(qq) 1891;  
(rr) 1894;  
(ss) 1895;  
(tt) 3808;  
(uu) 1401;  
(vv) 1701;  
(ww) 1702;  
(xx) 1703;  
(yy) 1704;  
(zz) 1755.