

# **FAIR TRADING COMMISSION**

#### **BARBADOS**

## No. FTC-01/2021-BL&P-RRA-CHDEC

**IN THE MATTER** of the Fair Trading Commission Act, Cap.326B of the Laws of Barbados;

**AND IN THE MATTER** of the Utilities Regulation Act, Cap. 282 of the Laws of Barbados;

AND IN THE MATTER of the Utilities Regulation (Procedural) Rules, 2003 and the Utilities Regulation (Procedural) (Amendment) Rules, 2009;

AND IN THE MATTER of an Application by the Barbados Light and Power Company Limited for a Review of Electricity Rates pursuant to Section 16 of the Utilities Regulation Act, Cap. 282 of the Laws of Barbados

#### **BEFORE:**

Dr. Donley Carrington

Mr. John Griffith

Ms. Ruan Martinez

Mr. Samuel Wallerson

Dr. Simon Naitram

Deputy Chairman Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner

#### **ORDER**

**UPON READING** an application filed on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021 by the Barbados Light and Power Company Limited (the "Applicant") for a Review of Electricity Rates pursuant to Section 16 of the Utilities Regulation Act, Cap. 282 of the Laws of Barbados (the "Rate Review Application");

AND UPON READING a request for confidentiality filed by the Applicant on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021 whereby the Applicant requested confidential treatment of certain documents contained in the Rate Review Application, namely, the Applicant's Draft Operational Licences, System Expansion Plan and Five-Year Investment Plan;

AND UPON READING AND CONSIDERING the written submissions and evidence of the Applicant and the intervenors in the Rate Review Application who submitted written objections to the Applicant's aforementioned request, namely, the Barbados Renewable Energy Association; the Business Development Division: The Ministry of Energy and Business Development; the Energy Division: The Ministry of Energy and Business Development; Ms. Tricia D. Watson & Mr. David Simpson; and Mr. Kenneth Went (collectively, the "Intervenors");

**AND UPON HEARING AND CONSIDERING** the oral submissions and evidence of the Applicant and the Intervenors at a Confidentiality Hearing convened by the Commission on the 29th day of June, 2022

### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: -

- 1. The Applicant amend the Rate Review Application by removing or deleting the Draft Operational Licences;
- 2. The specific pages: 388, 470, 483-486, 489,495,500, 501,502, 501-515, 515-519, 521,522, 527, 532-558, 559-630 of the System Expansion Plan for which the Applicant has requested confidentiality be redacted and held in confidence by the Commission;

3. The Applicant amend Table 6.1: Five-Year Investment Plan for Generation and Transmission based on PLEXOS Scenario 3 on page 527 of Volume 2 of the Rate Review Application to reflect the investment cost of the specific items for each year and redact only the cost information not included in the rate base calculation. Volume 3, page 798 shows the total cost of investment intended for

Synchronous Condensers for the years 2021 to 2023;

4. All other pages for which confidentiality was not requested for the System

Expansion Plan be released to the public; and

5. The Applicant file its amendments to the Rate Review Application, in accordance

with the Commission's aforementioned orders, on or before the 5th day of

August, 2022.

Dated this 29th day of July, 2022

Original Signed by

Donley Carrington

Deputy Chairman

Original Signed by

John Griffith

Commissioner

Original signed by

Ruan Martinez

Commissioner

Original signed by

Simon Naitram

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Samuel Wallerson

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