

March 2022

**NOTICE OF WRITTEN HEARING PROCESS:  
CORIX MULTI-UTILITY SERVICES INC.  
TO ACQUIRE COLUMBIA RIDGE WATERWORKS LTD.  
WATER UTILITY ASSETS**

Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. (Corix) filed a confidential application to the Comptroller of Water Rights (Comptroller) for an amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to section 45 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), for the transfer of the Water Utility assets from Columbia Ridge Waterworks Ltd. (CRWL) to Corix. Corix also requests approval under sections 59 to 61 of the UCA to change from the Operating Margin methodology to a Rate Base methodology to set rates for the Water Utility under Corix ownership and approval for deferred recovery of acquisition costs contemplated to begin with future customer growth anticipated for 2025. The full details of the Regulatory Approvals Sought can be found in Section 1.2 of the Application.

The Public version of the Application and other related materials can be found at the following web page:

<https://www.corix.com/columbia-ridge>

The Deputy Comptroller on March 4, 2022, issued Order No. 2605 establishing a Written Hearing Process for the regulatory review of the Application. Corix is to provide Columbia Ridge customers the Notice of Written Hearing Process attached as Appendix B to Order No. 2605 by March 18, 2022.

Notice is hereby given to Columbia Ridge customers of the Written Hearing Process for the regulatory review of the Application. Please refer to the attachment below for the Notice of Written Hearing Process, which was attached as Appendix B to Order No. 2605.

Persons wishing to participate as Interveners, as described in Appendix B, should register with the Secretary to the Comptroller of Water Rights by March 31, 2022. The Secretary's contact information is included in the notice.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF WATER RIGHTS

IN THE MATTER OF

the *Water Utility Act* and the *Utilities Commission Act*

and

**Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc.**

**For Approval of Application to acquire  
Columbia Ridge Waterworks Inc.  
Water Utility Assets**

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**THE APPLICATION**

Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. (Corix) submitted its application to purchase the water utility assets (the “Water Utility”) from Columbia Ridge Waterworks Ltd. (“CRWL”) on January 5, 2022. Corix requests approval from the Comptroller of Water Rights for an amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), pursuant to section 45 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), for the transfer of the Water Utility from CRWL to Corix.

Corix has requested approval to change the rate setting mechanism of the Water Utility from the Operating Margin methodology to a Rate Base methodology. In addition, Corix seeks: 1) approval of Water Tariff No. 3 reflecting the ownership change and proposed new Schedule I: Untreated Irrigation Service Flat Rates pursuant to section 61 of the UCA, and 2) approval to recover the costs associated with the due diligence and consultation for the Water Utility acquisition as outlined in Section 9.2.2. of the Application, pursuant to Sections 59 to 61 of the UCA.

On March 4, 2022, by Order No. 2605 the Deputy Comptroller established a Written Hearing Process for the review of the Application according to the Regulatory Timetable that is attached as Appendix A to this Order.

## **THE REGULATORY PROCESS**

Order 2605, Appendix A, establishes a Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application by way of a written hearing process. The Order and detailed Regulatory Timetable can be reviewed on Corix's website as noted in the Notice to be mailed to all customers by March 18, 2022 along with a copy of this Notice.

## **REGISTERING TO PARTICIPATE**

Persons wishing to actively participate in this proceeding should register as Interveners in writing with the Secretary by March 31, 2022. An email address should be provided if available. Interveners' Information Requests of the Utility are due April 8, 2022.

## **PUBLIC INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS**

This Application and supporting material will be made available for inspection by Corix on its website as noted in its Notice to be mailed to all customers.

All submissions and/or correspondence received from active participants or the general public relating to the Application is to be placed on the Corix's website.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact me or Corix directly.



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