PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF WATER RIGHTS

IN THE MATTER OF

the Water Utility Act and the Utilities Commission Act

and

Hemlock Utility Services Ltd.

For Approval of Water Rate Application effective August 1, 2019

BEFORE:

Ted White, Comptroller of Water Rights PO Box 9340 STN PROV GOVT Victoria BC V8W 9M1

DECISION AND ORDER NO. 2550

Dated this 15th day of August 2019

File: 0321358

Whereas:

- 1. Hemlock Utility Services Ltd. ("HUS" or "the Utility") is a subsidiary of Berezan Resort (Sasquatch) Ltd., a privately held corporation headquartered in Langley, BC. HUS owns and operates the water utility providing service to Sasquatch Mountain Resort ("the Resort"). In addition to water, HUS also provides hydro and sanitation services.
- 2. The current Water Tariff No. 2 was approved effective October 1, 1998.
- 3. On May 6, 2019 HUS filed a Revenue Requirement and Rates Application with detailed support ("the Application") to adjust rates effective August 1, 2019. The proposed rates are:

	Rates per Quarter			
Customer type	Existing per tariff		Proposed	
Residential	\$	49.82	\$	348.74
Day Lodge	\$	2,616.50	\$	5,233.00
Condominium	\$	57.37	\$	348.74
Low Commercial	\$	57.37	\$	149.46

4. On June 21, 2019 the Utility advertised its Application by mailing Notices to all its customers. Customers were given until July 26, 2019 to submit comments. 72 customers submitted questions/comments on the Application.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Comptroller orders as follows:

- 1. The establishment of a Written Hearing Process for the review of the Application according to the Regulatory Timetable that is attached as Appendix A.
- 2. Customers wishing to submit final comments or concerns should do so by sending submissions to the Secretary to the Comptroller of Water Rights by September 17, 2019.

Dated at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of August 2019.

Ted White

Comptroller of Water Rights

An Application by Hemlock Utility Services Ltd. ("HUS") for Approval of 2019 Revenue Requirements and Water Rate Increases Effective August 1, 2019

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DUE DATE
Comptroller Information Request (IR) No. 1	August 20, 2019
HUS Response to Comptroller IR No. 1	September 3, 2019
Final Customer Comments Submissions	September 17, 2019
HUS Final Submission	September 24, 2019

Note: If another round of Information Requests is required, the Comptroller will issue another Order/Revised Regulatory Timetable during this hearing process.