

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA
ENERGY REGULATOR

Energy Resource Activities Act

The board of the British Columbia Energy Regulator orders that the Renewable Energy Projects Regulation, B.C. Reg. 28/2026, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule.

DEPOSITED

March 24, 2026

B.C. REG. 42/2026

March 20, 2026

Date



Chair, Board of Directors

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

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Energy Resource Activities Act*, S.B.C. 2008, c. 36, ss. 106, 107, 109, 111 and 112

Other: *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act*, S.B.C. 2025, c. 12, ss. 6 and 9

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SCHEDULE

- 1 *Section 6 (1) (a) and (2) (e) of the Renewable Energy Projects Regulation, B.C. Reg. 28/2026, is amended by striking out “a project area” and substituting “the operating area or proposed operating area”.*
- 2 *Part 4 is repealed and the following substituted:*

PART 4 – FEES AND SECURITY

Division 1 – Fees

Definitions

13.1 In this Division:

- “**class A project**” means a renewable energy project with a rated nameplate capacity greater than 5 MW and less than 50 MW, other than a class C project;
- “**class B project**” means a renewable energy project with a rated nameplate capacity greater than or equal to 50 MW, other than a class C project;
- “**class C project**” means a renewable energy project that is a non-exempt reviewable project;
- “**investigative use licence**”, in relation to a renewable energy project, means a licence of occupation under the *Land Act* that is issued before an application for a permit or authorizations for the project;
- “**major amendment**” means an amendment to a permit for a renewable energy project to do one or more of the following:
 - (a) increase the rated nameplate capacity of the project;
 - (b) increase the total number of permitted wind turbines, solar arrays or battery or other energy storage systems;
 - (c) increase by one hectare or more an operating area of the permit;
 - (d) in the case of a wind energy project, increase
 - (i) the maximum permitted turbine height, or
 - (ii) the maximum permitted turbine blade size.

Permit application fees

- 13.2 The following fee must be submitted on application under section 24 of the Act for a permit for a renewable energy project:
- (a) in the case of class A project, the sum of
 - (i) \$7 500, and
 - (ii) the product of \$500 and the rated nameplate capacity of the facility in megawatts;
 - (b) in the case of a class B project, \$250 000;
 - (c) in the case of a class C project, \$62 500.

Permit amendment fees

- 13.3** The following fee must be submitted on application under section 31 of the Act in respect of a permit for a renewable energy project:
- (a) if the application proposes one or more major amendments, \$7 000;
 - (b) in any other case, \$1 000.

Authorization application fees – level 2 streamlined projects

- 13.4** The following fees must be submitted on application for authorizations related to a level 2 streamlined project:
- (a) in the case of a wind or solar energy project, \$5 000;
 - (b) in the case of an electric transmission line project, \$500 for each kilometre of electric transmission line.

Other fees

- 13.5** (1) Section 4.1 [*fees for advice and consultation services*] of the Fee, Levy and Security Regulation, B.C. Reg. 8/2014, applies in relation to a renewable energy project that is a non-exempt reviewable project.
- (2) The fee for an investigative use licence for a renewable energy project is the following:
- (a) in the case of a licence with a term of 2 years or less, the sum of
 - (i) \$500, and
 - (ii) \$1 for each hectare above 500 ha;
 - (b) in the case of a licence with a term greater than 2 years, the sum of
 - (i) \$7 500, and
 - (ii) \$10 for each hectare above 500 ha.

Division 2 – Security

Security

- 14** Section 25 (1), (3), (4) (b) and (5) [*security*] of the Fee, Levy and Security Regulation, B.C. Reg. 8/2014, applies in relation to renewable energy projects.
- 3** *Section 46 (1) is repealed and the following substituted:*
- (1) This section applies in relation to
 - (a) Division 1 of Part 4,
 - (b) Parts 5 to 8, and
 - (c) Division 1 of Part 9.
- 4** *Section 47 is amended*
- (a) *in subsection (2) by adding the following paragraph:*
 - (b.1) section 13.2 [*permit application fees*]; , **and**
 - (b) *in subsection (3) by striking out “section 49” and substituting “section 44”.*