

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission  
Act, SBC 1980, c. 60

and

IN THE MATTER OF an Application of the  
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
for a Certificate of Public Convenience  
and Necessity

BEFORE: J.D.V. Newlands, )  
Division Chairman; )  
D.B. Kilpatrick, ) July 30, 1981  
Commissioner; and )  
B.M. Sullivan, )  
Commissioner )

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

WHEREAS by Application dated December 22, 1980  
the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro")  
applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity  
to permit the redevelopment of the Falls River hydro-electric  
plant located approximately 35 miles southeast of Prince  
Rupert, British Columbia; and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held in Prince Rupert,  
British Columbia from May 5 to 8, 1981 and in Vancouver,  
British Columbia from May 27 to 29, 1981; and

WHEREAS certain additional material resulting from  
the hearing was received on June 9, 1981; and

WHEREAS the planning and detailed engineering studies  
and significant capital expenditures had been incurred prior to  
the regulation of B.C. Hydro; and

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WHEREAS the redevelopment will permit the greater utilization of an existing natural resource; and

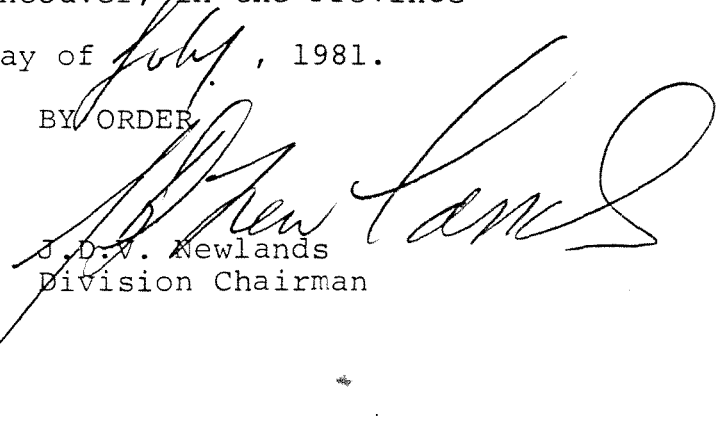
WHEREAS the Commission has determined that the redevelopment and operation of the Falls River project is necessary for the public convenience and properly conserves the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission hereby orders as follows:

- (1) Construction commence immediately as set forth in the Application as amended, with completion before 1985.
- (2) The cost of the project is not to materially exceed approximately \$40 million without a further Order of the Commission.
- (3) B.C. Hydro will comply with the directives set forth in the Reasons for Decision which will be issued as soon as possible.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 30 day of July, 1981.

BY ORDER

  
J.D.W. Newlands  
Division Chairman