



BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER C-2-89

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission
Act, S.B.C. 1980, c. 60, as amended

and

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority

BEFORE:	J.G. McIntyre,)	
	Chairman;)	
	J.D.V. Newlands,)	
	Deputy Chairman;)	September 8, 1989
	N. Martin,)	
	Commissioner; and)	
	W.M. Swanson, Q.C.,)	
	Commissioner)	

O R D E R

WHEREAS British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") applied by Letter of Application dated August 10, 1989 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") pursuant to Section 51(3) of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") to construct and operate a 230 kilovolt transmission line between the Sukunka Substation to Louisiana Pacific Canada Ltd.'s CTM pulp mill ("the pulp mill") near Chetwynd, B.C., a distance of approximately 35 kilometers; and

WHEREAS the Commission, by letters dated August 4 and 21, 1989, requested B.C. Hydro to provide information on the Inter-Ministerial Referral Process and other requirements pertaining to the construction of transmission, switching and substation facilities for supply to the pulp mill; and

WHEREAS B.C. Hydro responded on August 25, 1989 to Commission requests and provided a synopsis concerning the Inter-Ministerial Referral Process and other information including the public consultation process; and

WHEREAS the Commission has reviewed the information and has determined that the construction and operation of the proposed 230 kV transmission line project from the Sukunka substation to the pulp mill is necessary for the public convenience and properly conserves the public interest.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

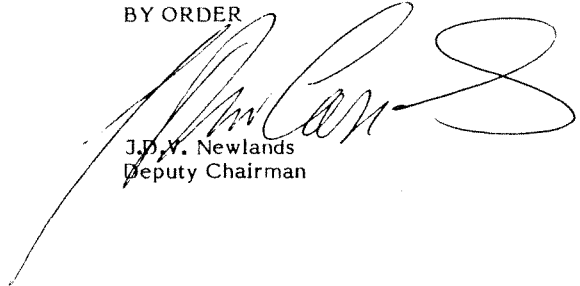
1. A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted to B.C. Hydro to construct and operate the proposed 230 kilovolt transmission line between the Sukunka Substation to Louisiana Pacific Canada Ltd.'s CTM pulp mill near Chetwynd, B.C., a distance of approximately 35 kilometres, and at an estimated total capital cost for the project of approximately \$12 million.

This Certificate is subject to B.C. Hydro's compliance with the requirements of the Ministry of Crown Lands as stipulated in the Ministry's August 3, 1989 letter to B.C. Hydro (attached as Appendix A).

2. B.C. Hydro is required to file monthly construction progress reports, in addition to detailing the bidding, awarding of contracts and capital cost expectations as the project progresses.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of September, 1989.

BY ORDER


J.D.W. Newlands
Deputy Chairman

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Attachment



Province of
British Columbia

Ministry of
Crown Lands

APPENDIX A
B.C. Lands
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British Columbia
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August 3, 1989

File No: 8005292

BC Hydro and Power Authority
1st Floor, 970 Burrard Street
Vancouver, BC
V6Z 1Y3

Attention: Lou Rilkeff

Dear Sir:

RE: Crown land application to construct a 230 KV Transmission Line
near Chetwynd.

Your application to construct a hydro transmission line on Crown land has been approved in principle over your proposed route. We will be utilizing a two stage approval process to allow you to initiate the center line survey immediately. The survey line should only involve 2 metres of hand clearing.

Because of resource agency concerns and possible environmental impacts from the project, there are a number of points we would like clarified before we issue the final authorization for Right of Way clearing and line construction. During the term of this permit please submit a report which addresses the following items:

1. Delineate Right of Way width requirements along the route.
Minimum Right of Way widths depending on adjacent forest cover height.
2. Delineate access requirements for the clearing and construction phase. If at all possible, existing access roads and Rights of Way, and the approved Right of Way corridor should be used.
3. Identify environmentally sensitive areas along the route and design appropriate clearing and construction standards to minimize erosion, slumping and stream sedimentation.
4. Heritage resource impact assessment as requested by Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture.

In addition the Ministry of Forests have indicated they will be requiring the following terms under their jurisdiction:

1. Burning permits will be required for all burning.
2. A license to cut timber will be required prior to the cutting of any forest cover.
3. Compensation for damages to improvements on all rehabilitated forest lands will be required to Canadian Forest Products Ltd.
4. Total utilization of merchantable timber is required and Canfor has first option on timber within their T.F.L.
5. Mitigation of impacts on the Wartenbe Community Pasture.
6. Seeding of the Right of Way as per range branch prescription.


Please deal directly with the Ministry of Forests regarding their conditions.

A License of Occupation will be issued for line construction after your proposed development plan has been approved. A joint inspection of the route should be undertaken at this time with representative from Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Crown Lands and BC Hydro to clarify any points of concern.

Please review and sign the attached permit document. The yellow and pink copies are to be returned to this office. The balance of the package is for your files.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Max Nock or myself at 737-3411.

Yours truly,


Egon Weger
Regional Director

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cc: Bob Gibb, Ministry of Forests, Dawson Creek, BC
Brian Churchill, Fish & Wildlife Branch, Fort St. John, BC