

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES GOMMISSION

ORDER

NUMBER __G-47-88

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 Commission Order No. G-7-88

BEFORE: J.G. McIntyre,)

Chairman;)

J.D.V. Newlands,)

Deputy Chairman;)

N. Martin,) April 29, 1988

Commissioner; and)

H.J. Page,)

Commissioner)

ORDER

WHEREAS Commission Order No. G-7-88 approved British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's ("B.C. Hydro") Application to amend its filed Gas Tariff Rate Schedules as a result of revised 1987 calendar year gas tolls from its supplier Westcoast Transmission Company Limited ("Westcoast"); and

WHEREAS on February 24, 1988, B.C. Hydro advised the Commission that the refund received from the 1987 Westcoast Toll changes, Interruptible credits for November and December, 1987 and accrued interest, amounted to approximately \$4 million; and

WHEREAS on April 21, 1988, B.C. Hydro advised the Commission that the average refund was equivalent to \$4.50 per residential, \$35.00 per commercial and \$3,800 per interruptible customer; and

WHEREAS the Commission has considered all of the foregoing.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders British Columbia

Hydro and Power Authority as follows:

- The Commission requires that the 1987 calendar year Westcoast gas toll credits amounting to approximately \$4 million be returned to customers based on actual volumes consumed. Costs associated with the refunding procedure, including programming, are to be absorbed by B.C. Hydro.
- 2. The refund is to appear as a credit on all customer bills during the next regular cycle billing period following reprogramming. For residential customers who have left B.C. Hydro's billing system prior to May I, 1988, B.C. Hydro is not required to refund such credits.

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3. B.C. Hydro will advise all affected customers, by way of a Customer Bill Notice or Insert, the reasons for the refund.

4. B.C. Hydro will provide the Commission with a reconciliation schedule showing a summary of the amounts credited to customer accounts, the amounts refunded to prior customers and the amounts retained.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British day of May, 1988.

Columbia, this

BY ORDER

John G. McIntyre

Chairman