

ORDER NUMBER G-94-88

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 an Application by West Kootenay Power Ltd. for an Energy Project Certificate

BEFORE:

J.D.V. Newlands,
Deputy Chairman and
Chairman of the Division;
F.C. Leighton,
Commissioner; and
A.C. Michelson,
Commissioner
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ORDER

WHEREAS on December 15, 1987, West Kootenay Power and Light Company, Limited now known as West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP"), pursuant to Section 18 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") and in conformity with the requirements of B.C. Regulation 388/80, applied to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources for an Energy Project Certificate to construct and operate a Gas Turbine Generation Plant at Kelowna, B.C.; and

WHEREAS on March 4, 1988 the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, with the concurrence of the Minister of Environment and Parks, referred the Application to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") for review pursuant to Sections 19(1)(a) of the Act, in accordance with specific Terms of Reference attached as Appendix A to Commission Order No. G-20-88; and

WHEREAS Commission Order No. G-20-88 dated March 4, 1988 set down the Application for public hearing to commence April 26, 1988 in Kelowna, B.C.; and

WHEREAS Commission Order No. G-37-88 dated April 15, 1988 postponed the public hearing at the request of WKP to May 31, 1988 in order to allow WKP additional time to address environmental issues, to finalize the potential sites for the location of the Okanagan Gas Turbine Project, and to consider a power purchase offer made by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro"); and

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WHEREAS Commission Order No. G-49-88 dated May 10, 1988 approved WKP's reduest to postpone the public hearing to mid-September, 1988 in order to complete the securing of an alternative site for the gas turbine and to undertake environmental studies: and

WHEREAS on October 3, 1988 WKP filed an Amended Application for an Energy Project Certificate dated September 29, 1988 to construct and operate a Gas Turbine Project to be located in the Oliver Industrial Park in Oliver, B.C.; and

WHEREAS the Commission has considered all of the foregoing.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Section 20 of the Act the Commission hereby orders as follows:

- 1. A public hearing is to commence at 9:00 a.m. local time, Tuesday, November 22, 1988 at the Southwind Motor Inn, located at Road #1, Highway 97, Oliver, B.C.
- 2. WKP is to publish, not later than Wednesday, October 19, 1988, a Notice of Public Hearing, as per attached copy, in one issue each of the Vancouver Province, the Vancouver Sun, the Oliver Chronicle and other local news publications as may properly provide adequate notice to the population in the service area of the Company.
- 3. WKP is to purchase spot radio advertisements or obtain community service announcements on local radio stations, as may properly inform the public concerning the proposed Okanagan Gas Turbine Generation Plant in and around the communities served.
- 4. WKP is to distribute the Executive Summary of the Amended Application to interested persons as they become registered with the Commission.
- 5. WKP is to file with the Commission, not later than Monday, October 17, 1988 any additional prepared testimony and supplemental material upon which it intends to rely.
- 6. Interested persons, not already registered, intending to be present and participate in the public hearing should give written Notice of Intention to do so to the Commission Secretary and to the Applicant, to be received not later than Friday, October 28, 1988. Such notice should state the nature of the interest in the proceeding.
- 7. Interested persons intending to file a written submission should provide one copy to the Commission Secretary and one copy to the Applicant, to be received not later than Monday, November 14, 1988.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of a, this 7th day of October, 1988.

British Columbia, this

BY ORDER

Deputy Chairman and Chairman of the Division

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE AMENDED APPLICATION

West Kootenay Power and Light Company, Limited now known as West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") applied to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources for an Energy Project Certificate to construct and operate an Okanagan Gas Turbine Generation Plant at Kelowna, B.C. The project was referred to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") to review the Application; conduct a public hearing thereon; and to submit a Report and Recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

On October 3, 1988 West Kootenay Power Ltd. filed with the Commission an Amended Application to construct and operate the gas turbine generation plant to be located in Oliver, B.C.

THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission has set down the Amended Application for public hearing commencing at 9:00 a.m. local time, Tuesday, November 22, 1988 at the Southwind Motor Inn, located at Road #1, Highway 97, Oliver, B.C.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE AMENDED APPLICATION

The Amended Application and supporting material are available for inspection at the Head Office of West Kootenay Power Ltd., Waneta Plaza, 8100 Rock Island Highway, Box 130, Trail, B.C. VIR 4L4; and at its District Offices located at Castlegar, Crawford Bay, Creston, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Kaslo, Kelowna, Keremeos, Oliver, Penticton, Salmo, South Slocan, and Trail, B.C.

A copy of the Amended Application and supporting material is also available for inspection at the office of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Fourth Floor, 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

A copy of the Executive Summary of the Amended Application will be distributed to interested persons as they become registered with the Commission.

INTERVENTIONS

Any person not already registered and intending to be present at the public hearing and to give evidence or cross-examine witnesses should provide written notice, to be received not later than Friday, October 28, 1988, to the Commission Secretary and to the Applicant. The notice should include a brief statement of the nature of the interest in the proceedings.

SUBMISSIONS BY INTERESTED PERSONS

Any person intending to file a written submission must do so, to be received not later than Monday, November 14, 1988, one copy of the submission to the Commission Secretary and one copy to the Applicant.

CLARIFICATION

Persons intending to participate in the public hearing, and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact R.J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, or W.J. Grant, Director of Engineering and Accounting by telephone (660-4700) collect, or in writing.

BY ORDER

Robert J. Pellatt Commission Secretary