

BRITISH COLUMBI UTILITIES COMMISS

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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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 and Commission Order No. G-49-89

BEFORE:

J.G. McIntyre,
Chairman;
J.D.V. Newlands,
Deputy Chairman;
N. Martin,
Commissioner;
W.M. Swanson,Q.C.,
Commissioner; and
W.A. Best,
Commissioner

November 15, 1989

ORDER

WHEREAS British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") applied October 11, 1989 pursuant to the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") for a Commission Order approving an interim rate increase of 3 percent applicable uniformly to all classes of service, including service charges, demand charges and energy charges; and

WHEREAS B.C. Hydro stated that with its present rates it would not be able to generate a normal return on capital or meet the minimum financial standards required by Special Direction #3 to the Commission; and

WHEREAS the Commission issued Order No. G-49-89 ("the Order") approving a 3 percent interim increase over existing rates, effective November 15, 1989, with the interim increase to be subject to refund with interest, calculated at the average prime rate of the principal bank with which B.C. Hydro conducts its business, as may be determined by the Commission following a public hearing; and

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WHEREAS the Commission has ordered B.C. Hydro to file its full Application on or before November 30, 1989, with a public hearing scheduled to commence February 5, 1990; and

WHEREAS on November 3, 1989 the Consumers' Association of Canada (B.C. Branch), B.C. Old Age Pensioners' Organization, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations, Federated Anti-Poverty Groups of B.C., Senior Citizens' Association, and West End Seniors' Network ("CAC (B.C.) et al"), applied pursuant to Section 114 of the Act for Commission reconsideration of the Order and the interim increase effective November 15, 1989; and

WHEREAS on November 7, 1989, the Council of Forest Industries of British Columbia, the Mining Association of British Columbia and the Electrochemical Users ("COFI et al"), applied pursuant to Section 114 of the Act for the Commission to reconsider and rescind the Order; and

WHEREAS the Commission having reviewed the Applications of CAC (B.C.) et al and COFI et al, has reconsidered Order No. G-49-89.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission affirms the Order and rejects the Applications.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British
Columbia, this day of November, 1989.

BY ORDER

John G. McIntyre

Chairman

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