

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

and

Commission Order No. G-46-90

BEFORE:	J.G. McIntyre,)	
	Chairman;)	
	J.D.V. Newlands,)	
	Deputy Chairman:)	August 1, 1990
	N. Martin,)	
	Commissioner; and)	
	W.M. Swanson, Q.C.,)	
	Commissioner)	

O R D E R

WHEREAS on June 15, 1990 the Commission approved British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's ("B.C. Hydro") Application dated April 10, 1990 as amended on June 7, 1990 ("the Application"), for amendments to its Electric Tariff, Terms and Conditions, Standard Charges for Service, and Definitions relating to the Distribution Extension and Service Connection Policies, and issued Order No. G-46-90 ("the Order"); and

WHEREAS on July 19, 1990 the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre [representing 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. and the Senior Citizens' Association, (collectively referred to as CAC (B.C.) et al) ("CAC")], made application to the Commission to rescind the approval Order on the ground that inadequate notice was given of the hearing of the Application, and further to direct the holding of a public hearing; and

WHEREAS the Commission has considered the CAC complaint, the B.C. Hydro Application and other relevant information, and has determined that the Application will be reconsidered, and following receipt and consideration of written submissions, will determine whether, in addition, a public hearing is required.

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UTILITIES COMMISSION**

ORDER

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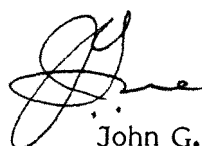
NOW THEREFORE the Commission Orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 114 of the Act, the Commission has determined that the B.C. Hydro Application for amendments to its Electric Tariff, Terms and Conditions, Standard Charges for Service, and Definitions relating to the Distribution Extension and Service Connection Policies will be reconsidered.
2. Written submissions and comments with regard to the Application are requested from customers and interested parties to be received by the Commission on or before Friday, September 14, 1990 and following a consideration thereof the Commission will also determine whether a public hearing should be held.
3. The tariff amendments and charges approved by Order No. G-46-90, effective July 1, 1990, will remain in effect until such time as any further submissions provided for by paragraph 2 of this Order have been considered and the Commission makes a further Order.
4. B.C. Hydro will arrange for publication in Display Ad Format, not later than Saturday, August 11, 1990, of a Notice of Hearing, as per attached copy, in one issue each of the Vancouver Sun, The Province and such other appropriate local news publications as may properly provide adequate notice to the general population in the service area of the utility.
5. The Application and supporting material is to be made available for inspection at the Head Office of B.C. Hydro, 970 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C., and at all District Offices located throughout its service territory.

The Application and supporting material will also be available for inspection at the office of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 1st day of August, 1990.

BY ORDER


John G. McIntyre
Chairman

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Attachments



NOTICE OF HEARING

THE APPLICATION

B.C. Hydro's Distribution Extension and Service Connection Policies have seen no significant changes since 1969. Standard Tariff Charges have remained the same since 1976.

B.C. Hydro applied to revise the policies in order to follow general business principles, and make a clear distinction between economic and uneconomic extensions, and move charges for services such as Connections, Reconnections, Account Transfers and Additional Meters to full cost recovery. These changes could affect all customers.

By Order No. G-46-90, dated June 15, 1990, and following submissions from interested parties, the B.C. Utilities Commission approved amendments to B.C. Hydro's Electric Tariff, Terms and Conditions, Standard Charges for Service, and Definitions relating to its Distribution Extension Policy and Service Connection Policies.

DETERMINATION

Following a complaint dated July 19, 1990 from The British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre representing a number of consumer groups, the Commission has determined that the B.C. Hydro Application will be reconsidered, following the receipt of written submissions from customers and other interested parties.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Application and supporting material are available for inspection at the Head Office of B.C. Hydro, 970 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C. and at all District Offices located throughout its service area.

The Application and supporting material are also available for inspection at the office of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

B.C. Hydro has prepared an information brochure titled "Distribution Extension Adjustments" which is available to customers upon request at its local district offices.

SUBMISSIONS BY CUSTOMERS/INTERESTED PARTIES

Any customer or interested party intending to submit information in support of their position should provide a written submission to be received by the Commission Secretary on or before September 14, 1990.

Following a consideration of submissions received the Commission will determine whether any further hearing is necessary.

CLARIFICATION

- Persons intending to make submissions, and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Mr. R.J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, or Mr. N.C.J. Smith, Manager, Electrical Engineering, by telephone (Vancouver: 660-4700, B.C. Toll-Free: 1-800-663-1385), or in writing.

BY ORDER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. Pellatt".

Robert J. Pellatt
Commission Secretary