

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.

BEFORE: J.D.V. Newlands,)
Deputy Chairman;)
N. Martin,) September 11, 1990
Commissioner; and)
H.J. Page,)
Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS on November 30, 1989, pursuant to Section 67 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") applied for a Commission Order granting a rate increase of 6.9% applicable uniformly to all classes of service, effective with consumption on and after January 1, 1990; and

WHEREAS Commission Order No. G-67-89 approved a 6.9% interim increase effective January 1, 1990, subject to refund with interest calculated at the average prime rate of the principal bank with which WKP conducts its business; and

WHEREAS Commission Order No. G-15-90 set down the WKP Application for public hearing to commence April 3, 1990 in Rossland, B.C.; and

WHEREAS on March 26, 1990 WKP requested a postponement of the public hearing into its Application which was subsequently granted by Commission Order No. G-24-90; and

WHEREAS Commission Order No. G-47-90 approved WKP's May 28, 1990 Application for a refund of 1.4% inclusive of interest, thereby reducing the interim increase to 5.5%, as a result of the availability of power purchases from Cominco Ltd. and other cost reductions; and

WHEREAS on September 7, 1990 WKP filed evidence in support of its Rate Application that included its current 1990 fiscal year and forward test years of 1991 and 1992; and

WHEREAS the Commission has reviewed the Application and supporting documentation and requires the matter to be set down for public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders WKP as follows:

1. A public hearing is to commence at 9:00 a.m. local time, Monday, October 22, 1990 at the Uplander Hotel, 1919 Columbia Avenue, Rossland, B.C.

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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

ORDER

NUMBER G-67-90

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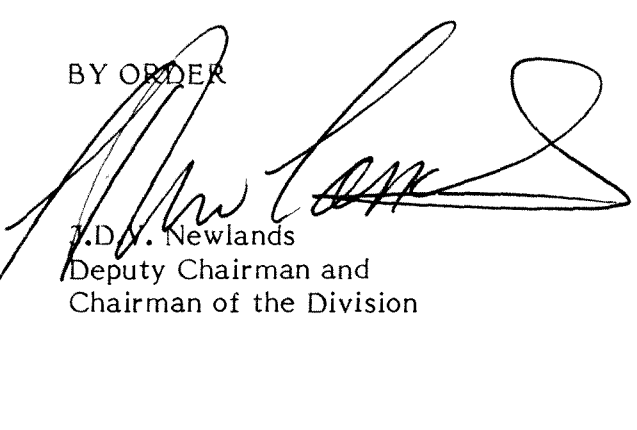
2. WKP will arrange for publication in display ad format, not later than Thursday, September 20, 1990, of a Notice of Public Hearing, as per attached copy, in the Vancouver Sun, The Province and such other appropriate local news publications as may properly provide adequate Notice to the population in the service area of the utility.
3. The Application and supporting material is to be made available for inspection at the Head Office of West Kootenay Power Ltd., Waneta Plaza, 8100 Rock Island Highway, Box 130, Trail, B.C., V1R 4L4; and at its District Offices located at Castlegar, Crawford Bay, Creston, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Kaslo, Kelowna, Keremeos, Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton, Salmo, South Slocan, and Trail, B.C.

The Application and supporting material is also available for inspection at the office of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, 6th Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

4. WKP is to distribute the Executive Summary of the Application to Intervenor and Interested Persons.
5. WKP is to file with the Commission not later than Thursday, September 20, 1990, any additional prepared testimony and supplemental material upon which it intends to rely.
6. Intervenor and Interested Persons 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 Monday, October 1, 1990. Such Notice should state the nature of the interest in the proceeding.
7. Intervenor and Interested persons intending to file a written submission or to make a request for additional information of the Applicant should provide one copy to the Commission Secretary, and one copy to the Applicant, to be received not later than Wednesday, October 10, 1990.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11th day of September, 1990.

BY ORDER


J.D.V. Newlands
Deputy Chairman and
Chairman of the Division

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Attachment



WEST KOOTENAY POWER LTD.
Application to
Increase Rates and Amend its Tariff

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Date: October 22, 1990
Location: Uplander Hotel
1919 Columbia Avenue
Rossland, B.C.

THE APPLICATION

West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") is applying to confirm the existing interim increase of 5.5% and have applied for further increases of 5.6% and 4.9% effective January 1, 1991 and January 1, 1992. The Company has submitted that these increases are necessary to recover its increase in power purchases costs and wheeling, plant investment and operating and maintenance costs and to provide its shareholders with a return on equity of 13.68%, 13.75% and 13.75% respectively for each year.

The Commission will also hear submissions with regard to:

1. Increasing charges for service, disconnection/reconnection, relocation and returned-cheque charges.
2. Municipal Customers' Participation in Power Sense Program.

THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Application will be heard commencing at 9:00 a.m. local time, Monday, October 22, 1990 at the Uplander Hotel, 1919 Columbia Avenue, Rossland, B.C.

The Division named to review the Application will be comprised of the following Commission members:

Mr. J.D.V. Newlands, Deputy Chairman,
Mr. N. Martin, Commissioner
Mr. H.J. Page, Commissioner

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Application, supporting material and Commission Order No. G-67-90 is available for inspection at the following locations:

West Kootenay Power Ltd.

Head Office: Waneta Plaza, 8100 Rock Island Highway, Box 130,
Trail, B.C. V1R 4L4; and at its

District Offices: Castlegar, Crawford Bay, Creston, Grand Forks,
Greenwood, Kaslo, Kelowna, Keremeos, Oliver,
Osoyoos, Penticton, Salmo, South Slokan and Trail,
B.C.

An Executive Summary is also available for review and is available upon request from the Applicant.

A copy of the Application and supporting material is also available for inspection at the office of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, 6th Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

PARTICIPATION

Any person wishing to give evidence or cross-examine witnesses should provide written notice, to be received not later than Monday, October 1, 1990 to the Commission Secretary and to the Applicant. The notice should include a brief statement as to the nature of the interest in the proceedings.

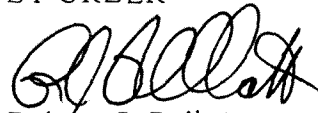
SUBMISSIONS BY INTERESTED PERSONS

Any person intending to file a written submission or to make a request for additional information of the Applicant should ensure that it is received by WKP and the Commission Secretary not later than Wednesday, October 10, 1990.

CLARIFICATION

Persons intending to participate in the public hearing, who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Mr. R.J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, or Mr. B. McKinlay, Manager, Rates and Finance - Electrical, by telephone (660-4700) or (1-800-663-1385), or in writing.

BY ORDER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Pellatt', written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Pellatt
Commission Secretary