



BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER..... G-75-91

IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission
Act, S.B.C. 1980, c. 60, as amended

and

IN THE MATTER OF Applications by
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority

BEFORE: J.G. McIntyre,)
Chairman;)
W.M. Swanson, Q.C.) July 31, 1991
Commissioner; and)
K.L. Hall,)
Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. By Application dated April 10, 1990, amended June 7, 1990, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") applied to the Commission for amendments to its Electric Tariff respecting Terms and Conditions, Standard Charges for Service, and Definitions relating to the Distribution Extension and Service Connection Policies ("the Amendments"); and
- B. By Commission Order No. G-46-90 dated June 15, 1990; the Commission approved the said Amendments; and
- C. By Application made 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] requested the Commission to reconsider and rescind the said Order on the grounds that inadequate notice was given of the hearing of the Application, and further to direct the holding of a public hearing; and
- D. Commission Order No. G-83-90 required that the fundamental changes proposed in B.C. Hydro's April 10 and June 7, 1990 Application to amend its Distribution Extension and Service Connection Policies be heard in conjunction with its Rate Design Application; and
- E. On January 15, 1991, B.C. Hydro filed with the Commission an Application for Rate Design of its Electric Tariffs, as required by Commission Decision and Order No. G-31-90 dated April 30, 1990 and Order No. G-95-90 dated November 30, 1990; and
- F. As part of its Rate Design Application, B.C. Hydro asked for an Order to apply a connection charge to new installations of residential electric space heating; and
- G. After argument on a Request for Adjournment was heard on June 5, 1991, the Commission determined that the issues of Distribution Extension Policy and the Residential Space Heating Connection Charge should proceed; and
- H. The Commission has considered the issues and evidence adduced, all as set forth in the Decision accompanying this Order.

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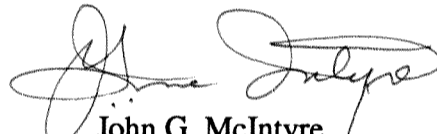
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NOW THEREFORE the Commission, for the reasons stated in the Decision, orders as follows:

1. That, except as stated in the Reasons for Decision, the Amendments approved by Order No. G-46-90 be reaffirmed.
2. B.C. Hydro is ordered to file revisions to its electric tariff as required in the Reasons for Decision to:
 - a. specify the standard charges for Overtime and Callout Reconnections.
 - b. incorporate a standard charge of \$32 in those cases where B.C. Hydro service personnel visit a customer in response to a disconnect notice, and are paid the full amount of the outstanding account.
 - c. to remove the words "or by B.C Hydro" which appear in the first sentence of pages B 5 and B 19-1.
3. That the Application for Residential Electric Space Heating Connection Charges be rejected.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 31st day of July, 1991.

BY ORDER


John G. McIntyre
Chairman

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