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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-127-93

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

and

An Application by Princeton Light and Power Company, Limited

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson) December 21, 1993

ORDER

WHEREAS:


- A. On December 7 and 23, 1993 Princeton Light and Power Company, Limited ("PLP") filed Applications for an increase in rates of 5.0976 percent as a result of increased power purchase costs effective January 1, 1994 from its supplier West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP"); and
- B. The Commission, by Order No. G-125-93, approved for WKP a reduced interim increase in rates of 5.7 percent effective January 1, 1994 subject to refund with interest and a public hearing scheduled for March 7, 1994 in Rossland, B.C.; and
- C. The Commission has considered the Application and is satisfied that an interim increase for PLP is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission approves for PLP a reduced interim increase in rates of 4.05 percent, effective January 1, 1994. The increase is less than that applied for due to the reduced interim increase in rates approved for WKP.
2. The Commission will accept, subject to timely filing, amended Electric Tariff rate schedules that embody the interim increase approved by this Order.
3. PLP will provide all customers with an appropriate notice of explanation of the interim rate increase and its effect on monthly electricity bills by way of a bill stuffer and will publish a notice in the Community newspaper.
4. The January 1, 1994 interim rate increase is subject to refund with interest calculated at the average prime rate of the principal bank with which PLP conducts its business. The disposition of the increase will be by way of a future Commission Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 29th day of December, 1993.

BY ORDER


Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chairperson