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BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER F-2-95

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

and

Commission Review into Electricity Markets and the Unbundling of Services

**BEFORE:** M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson; and ) February 20, 1995  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On December 16, 1994 the Lieutenant Governor in Council ordered the Commission to hold a public review of British Columbia's electricity market structure and issued Order in Council No. 1536, 1994 and Terms of Reference pursuant to Section 6 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"). A panel consisting of Dr. Mark K. Jaccard, Chair, Ms. Lorna Barr, Deputy Chair and Mr. Kenneth Hall, Commissioner were appointed for the review; and
- B. On January 24, 1995 the Commission issued a letter to Interested Parties stating that it was prepared to consider applications for Participant Funding pursuant to Section 133.1(2) of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") and requested all parties intending to apply for Participant Funding to file a budget, consistent with the Commission's revised guidelines and rate sheet as outlined in Order No. G-117-93, no later than Monday, January 30, 1995. Further, the letter stated that the budget should cover expenditures that would be incurred prior to the commencement of the hearing, e.g. costs related to expert advice, attendance at educational seminars, non-hearing related counsel costs, etc., and that in awarding funds based on the information received to January 30, 1995, the Commission reserved the right to withhold funds for possible later distribution to eligible groups that may be identified later in the process; and
- C. The Commission received requests for Participant Funding pursuant to Section 133.1(2) of the Act from the Electricity End-Users Group, the Ecology Circle, the Regional Districts of Kootenay Boundary and Central Kootenay together with the Cities of Trail, Rossland, Castlegar and the Town of Creston, the Kootenay-Okanagan Electric Consumers Association, the City of Nelson and the Independent Power Association of British Columbia; and
- D. The Panel reviewed the budgets submitted by these parties; and
- E. The Panel discussed the claims having regard to the criteria and rates set out in Order no. G-117-93.

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**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 133.1(2) of the Act, the Commission awards funds in the total amount of \$53,470 as follows:

The Electricity End-Users Group	\$8,000
The Regional Districts et al.	\$8,000
The Kootenay-Okanagan Electric Consumers Assoc.	\$4,470
The City of Nelson	\$3,000
The Independent Power Association of B.C.	\$30,000

The request of the Ecology Circle is denied.

2. The awarded funds are not tied explicitly to the expenses outlined in the budget but may be used as required to fund expenses such as fees for legal counsel, participation in educational seminars, education of membership with respect to electricity market restructuring issues, consultants' fees, preparation of papers related to this proceeding, and other reasonable expenses. Parties will be required to keep clear records and to provide the Commission with receipts showing how the awarded funds were spent.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1995.

BY ORDER



Dr. Mark K. Jaccard  
Chairperson