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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-18-94

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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 British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chair; and)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson) March 4, 1994

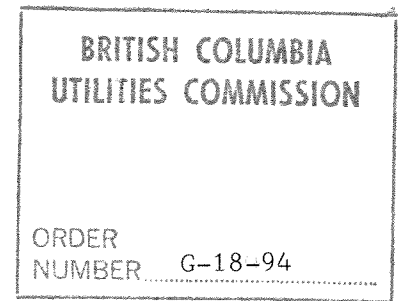
O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 11, 1994 British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") filed with the Commission for approval an Application to increase rates on an interim and permanent basis to all customers effective April 1, 1994 pursuant to Sections 64, 67 and 106 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") and Special Direction No. 8 to the Commission; and
- B. The request for an interim increase in electric rates to all classes of service will average 2.8 percent effective April 1, 1994 and is based on rate design proposals contained in the Application; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Application and is satisfied that approval of an interim rate increase is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders B.C. Hydro as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves for B.C. Hydro an interim rate increase of 2.8 percent effective April 1, 1994 to be applied to the classes of service in a manner consistent with that set out in the Application, all subject to refund with interest calculated at the average prime rate of the principal bank with which B.C. Hydro conducts its business.
- 2. The matter of a public hearing into the disposition of the Application is set down to commence Monday, September 12, 1994 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room. The Commission, by way of future Order and Notice of Public Hearing will set out specific timing deadlines.



3. B.C. Hydro, by way of an appropriate notice to be published in local newspapers in its service areas and before March 26, 1994, is to inform customers of the interim rate increase effective April 1, 1994. B.C. Hydro is also to include in the next regular customer billing, a bill stuffer informing customers of the interim rate increase, and its effect on monthly electricity bills along with reasons for the increased rates. B.C. Hydro is also required to deliver a copy of its 1994 Revenue Requirements Application, Orders No. G-117-93 and G-18-94 to all Registered Intervenors to its 1993 Revenue Requirements Application.
4. The Commission will accept, subject to timely filing, amended Electric Tariff Rate Schedules in accordance with the terms of this Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of March, 1994.

BY ORDER

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark K. Jaccard".

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chair