

BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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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 for an Interim Pass-Through of Increased Cost of Purchased Power

BEFORE:

M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson

December 21, 1995

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 19, 1995 Princeton Light and Power Company, Limited ("PLP") filed an application for an interim increase in rates of 2.55 percent as a result of increased power purchase costs from its supplier, West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP"), effective January 1, 1996 made necessary by Commission Order No. G-111-95 approving for WKP an interim increase in rates of 3.85 percent effective January 1, 1996; and
- B. The Commission has considered the Application and is satisfied that an interim increase in rates for PLP is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves for PLP an interim increase in rates of 2.00 percent, effective January 1, 1996. The interim increase has been adjusted downward by the Commission to reflect the reduced interim rates awarded to WKP by Order No. G-111-95.
- 2. The Commission will accept, subject to timely filing, amended Electric Tariff rate schedules that embody the increase approved by this Order.
- 3. PLP will provide all customers with an appropriate notice of explanation of the 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, 1996 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 22 and day of December, 1995.

BY ORDER

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard

Chairperson