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BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER G-14-95

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

and

A Joint Application by the Cities of Vancouver and Burnaby  
for an Order Requiring the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority to Underground  
the 230 kV Transmission Line along Boundary Road at B.C. Hydro's Expense

**BEFORE:** M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson ) February 9, 1995

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**


- A. On December 19, 1994 a Joint Application ("the Application") dated November 23, 1994, from the Cities of Vancouver and Burnaby ("the Cities"), was filed requesting that the Commission issue an Order to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") to underground, at the Utility's expense, its 230 kV Transmission Line that borders the Cities along Boundary Road; and
- B. The Commission received numerous complaints about the transmission line from residents, identified as Citizens Against Transmission Towers ("CATT"), which is a neighborhood committee comprised of citizens living adjacent to the overhead transmission lines on Boundary Road; and
- C. The CATT group held extensive discussions with B.C. Hydro about undergrounding the lines and reached no solutions satisfactory to the group; and
- D. In 1992 the City of Vancouver took the matter before the provincial government and was advised to seek a resolution through the Commission; and
- E. On January 31, 1995 the Commission advised the interested parties that it will hold a Public Inquiry, under the auspices of a single Inquiry Officer, to review the Application and issued Information Requests to B.C. Hydro and the Cities.

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

1. The Commission, pursuant to Section 93(2) of the Utilities Commission Act, appoints Commissioner Kenneth L. Hall as Inquiry Officer to inquire into and report on all aspects, including possible ramifications, of the undergrounding of the B.C. Hydro 230 kV Transmission Line along Boundary Road. Commissioner Hall will be assisted by Commission staff Mr. W.J. Grant, Executive Director, Regulatory Affairs and Planning, and Mr. N.C.J. Smith, Manager of Electrical Engineering.
2. The Commission will hold a Public Inquiry into this matter on Monday, March 27 and Tuesday, March 28, 1995 commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Burnaby Villa Inn, 4331 Dominion Street, Burnaby, B.C.
3. Interested Parties who wish to participate in the Inquiry should advise the Commission Secretary, Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, of their interest by Friday, February 24, 1995.
4. B.C. Hydro is to arrange for the publication of the Notice of Public Inquiry, as set out in Appendix A of this Order, in the Vancouver Sun, The Province, and community newspapers including Burnaby Now, Burnaby News, the East Ender and The Courier as soon as possible in order to properly notify the general public of the area.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 10th day of February, 1995.

BY ORDER



Dr. Mark K. Jaccard  
Chairperson

Attach.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC INQUIRY

### Into the Undergrounding of B.C. Hydro's 230 kV Transmission Line along Boundary Road.

#### Application/Complaint

The Cities of Vancouver and Burnaby made a Joint Application ("the Application") to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") to issue an Order to B.C. Hydro requiring the utility to underground its 230 kV Transmission Line along Boundary Road.

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The purpose of the Public Inquiry is to ensure that all issues relating to this matter are reviewed in a public forum before the Commission pursuant to Sections 86 and 93 of the Utilities Commission Act. Commissioner Ken Hall has been appointed Inquiry Officer to review this matter and report his recommendations to the Commission.

#### Public Inquiry

The Commission invites all interested parties to attend and participate in the Public Inquiry. The dates, time and location are as follows:

Dates:	Monday, March 27 and Tuesday, March 28, 1995
Time:	9:00 a.m. each day
Location:	Burnaby Villa Hotel 4331 Dominion Street Burnaby, B.C.

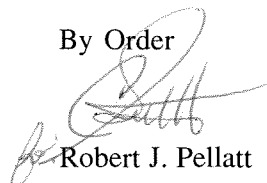
#### Submissions in Writing

If you are unable to attend the Public Inquiry, but wish to make a statement or present evidence, a written submission is to be sent to the Commission to be received on or before March 22, 1995.

#### Clarification

Persons intending to participate in the Public Inquiry should advise the Commission Secretary, Mr. Robert J. Pellatt in writing, by February 24, 1995. Interested persons who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed should contact Mr. R.J. Pellatt or Mr. Neptune Smith, Manager, Electrical Engineering, by telephone (604) 660-4700 or B.C. Toll-Free 1-800-663-1385, in writing to Box 250, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3 or by fax at (604) 660-1102. The Commission can also be reached on the InterNet at RPELLAT@GALAXY.Gov.BC.CA or on the Government Electronic Mail System ("GEMS") at RPELLAT@BCSC.

By Order



Robert J. Pellatt