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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-27-96

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

and

An Application by West Kootenay Power Ltd.
for Approval of Energy Supply Contracts, Energy Transmission Contracts
and Energy Related Agreements

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson) March 15, 1996

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 11, 1996 West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") applied to the Commission, pursuant to Sections 57, 59, 85.1 and 85.3 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), for an order approving Energy Supply Contracts, Energy Transmission Contracts and Energy Related Agreements ("the Application") concerning the output of the Brilliant Plant. The application requires approval for WKP to preserve its right of first refusal to purchase the Brilliant and Waneta plants; and
- B. By Commission Order No. G-10-96, the Commission set down a regulatory timetable for the review of WKP's 1996 Revenue Requirements application, including its Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") review; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that the setting of a public hearing and a regulatory timetable is appropriate and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders WKP as follows:

1. The Regulatory Timetable set out in Order No. G-10-96 is hereby amended as follows:
 - The deadline for response to Information Requests is changed from March 25, 1996 to April 8, 1996.
 - Negotiated Settlement dates, from April 9, 10 and 11, 1996 to April 23, 24 and 25, 1996.
2. The Commission issues the following Regulatory Timetable into the review of the Application for approval of Energy Supply Contracts:

Action

Dated

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| • Staff Information Requests to WKP | March 22, 1996 |
| • WKP Responses to Staff Information Requests | March 29, 1996 |
| • Oral Public Hearing | April 9-12, 1996 |
| • Commission Decision | On or Before April 17, 1996 |

3. A public hearing into the Application is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m., April 9, 1996 at the Sandman Inn, 1944 Columbia Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

4. The Application and supporting information are to be made available for inspection at the Head Office of WKP, 1290 Esplanade Street, Trail, B.C. V1R 4L4, and at its District Offices:

Castlegar	Crawford Bay	Creston	Grand Forks	Greenwood
Kaslo	Kelowna	Keremeos	Oliver	Osoyoos
Penticton	Salmo	South Slocan	Trail	

The Application and supporting information are also available for inspection at the office of the B.C. Utilities Commission, 6th Floor - 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3.

5. WKP is to distribute copies of the Application and any supplemental and/or supporting information to Registered Intervenors. WKP is also to distribute copies of Order No. G-27-96 to all parties registered with the Commission concerning its 1996 Revenue Requirements Application.
6. Registered Intervenors and Interested Parties intending to make requests for additional information, or to participate in the public hearing, are to follow the Regulatory Timetable set out in Item 2 of this Order.
7. WKP will arrange for publication, in display-ad format, the attached Notice of Public Hearing in the business sections of the Vancouver Sun and Province newspapers, and other appropriate news publications in the service areas of the Utility, so as to provide adequate notice to the public, as soon as possible, but not later than March 21, 1996. WKP is to provide the Commission with a copy of the Notice in advance of publication.
8. Not later than March 22, 1996, Intervenors intending to participate in the public hearing, are to give written notice of intention to do so to the Commission Secretary and to the Applicant. Such notice should state the nature of interest in the proceeding as well as a mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers.
9. All parties intending to apply for Participate Funding must file a budget by March 22, 1996. The budget must be consistent with the Commission's Policy and Rate Sheet as outlined in Order No. G-117-93. Copies of the Order, Policy and Rate Sheet are available upon request.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 27th day of March, 1996.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chairperson

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WEST KOOTENAY POWER LTD. APPROVAL OF ITS ENERGY SUPPLY CONTRACTS, TRANSMISSION CONTRACTS AND ENERGY RELATED AGREEMENTS

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 1996
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Sandman Inn
1944 Columbia Avenue
Castlegar, B.C.

THE APPLICATION

On March 11, 1996 West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") applied to the Commission for approval of Energy Supply Contracts, Transmission Contracts and Energy Related Agreements ("the Application") relating to the acquisition of the Brilliant Plant. Approval of the Application is required for WKP to protect its first right of refusal to purchase the Brilliant and Waneta Plants.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Application, and supporting material, and Commission Order No. G-27-96 are available for inspection at the following locations:

West Kootenay Power Ltd.

Head Office: 1290 Esplanade Street, Trail, B.C. V1R 4L4.

<u>District Offices:</u>	Castlegar	Crawford Bay	Creston	Grand Forks	Greenwood
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The Application and supporting information are also available for inspection at the office of the B.C. Utilities Commission, 6th Floor - 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3.

INTERVENTIONS AND INFORMATION REQUESTS

Intervenors who wish copies of the Application and supporting material are urged to register with the Commission and WKP as soon as possible but no later than March 22, 1996. Information Requests made to WKP should be submitted by March 22, 1996 for the utility's response by March 29, 1996. WKP is to provide Commission Order No. G-27-96 and the Application documents to Intervenors upon registration.

SUBMISSIONS BY INTERVENORS

Written evidence and submissions from Intervenor is required to be filed, one copy each, with the Commission Secretary and WKP, by March 29, 1996.

PARTICIPANT FUNDING

All parties intending to apply for Participant Funding must first register with the Commission and obtain the new guidelines for participant funding. All parties must then file a budget by March 22, 1996 consistent with the Commission's Rate Sheet as outlined in Order No. G-117-93.

CLARIFICATION

Persons intending to participate in the proceedings and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Mr. R. J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary or Mr. Barry McKinlay, Manager, Rates and Finance - Electrical; by telephone at 660-4700, or B.C. Toll Free: 1-800-663-1385, or in writing to the above address or by fax at 660-1102. The Commission can also be reached on the Government Electronic Mail System ("GEMS") and on the Internet at bcuc@pop.bcinet.gov.bc.ca.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert J. Pellatt
Commission Secretary