



LETTER NO. L-20-95

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Mr. R.H. Hobbs  
Director, Regulatory Affairs and  
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West Kootenay Power Ltd.  
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Dear Mr. Hobbs:

Re: West Kootenay Power Ltd.  
Application - Approval in Principle  
Redemption of Debentures and Refinancing

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 13, 1995 applying to the Commission for approval in principle to redeem WKP's Series I 14.75 percent Subordinated Debentures and Series B 14.25 percent Secured Debentures effective May 1, 1995. It is proposed that the Bank of Montreal will finance the redemption with a 5-year loan of \$20 million at a fixed annual interest rate not to exceed 9 percent with semi-annual payments. We also note that the promissory note will be unsecured but will have a guarantee from UtiliCorp United Inc., parent of West Kootenay Power Ltd.

The Commission has reviewed your application and gives its approval in principle to this proposed transaction pursuant to Section 57 of the Utilities Commission Act.

Following final approval, and upon application, the Commission will issue an Order based on the terms outlined in the application.

Yours truly,

Robert J. Pellatt

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