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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-97-96

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

and

West Kootenay Power Ltd.
Preliminary 1997 Revenue Requirements

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) November 7, 1996

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Commission Order No. G-73-96 approved the May 24, 1996 Settlement Agreement setting up a rate adjustment mechanism for a three year test period beginning January 1, 1996, whereby West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") is required to file with the Commission a Statement of Adjustments for a rate increase effective January 1 of the next year; and
- B. The terms of the Settlement Agreement require that an Annual Review process be instituted, whereby the public will be invited to examine the material, submit other issues for determination by the Commission, and meet to review all issues prior to the rate application being made; and
- C. The Annual Review is also required in order to set the Load Forecast, Power Purchases and Distribution Extension Capital Expenditures for 1997 and parties may institute a complaint procedure before the Commission if not satisfied; and
- D. On November 1, 1996 WKP filed with the Commission its Preliminary 1997 Revenue Requirements material for the Annual Review; and
- E. The Commission has reviewed the material and finds that an Annual Review is required, the details of which are attached as Appendix A to this Order.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission will hold an Annual Review of the Preliminary 1997 Revenue Requirements material on December 4, 1996 commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Okanagan Resort, 1310 Water Street, Kelowna, B.C. A Public Information Town Hall Meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. for those parties not wishing to participate in the Annual Review.
2. WKP is directed to appear at both meetings with informed Company representatives available to answer questions from customers and interested parties in attendance. WKP is to provide copies of the Preliminary 1997 Revenue Requirements material to all parties previously registered for the 1996 Revenue Requirements Application process.
3. WKP will arrange for publication of the Notice of Annual Review Meeting and Public Information Town Hall Meeting in local newspapers in its service area. The advertisements are to be supplemented by the use of spot radio ads and community service announcements as well as posting the Notice on community bulletin boards so as to provide adequate public notice to customers in its service areas.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of November, 1996.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chairperson

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL REVIEW
and
PUBLIC INFORMATION TOWN HALL MEETING

INTO WEST KOOTENAY POWER LTD. AND 1997 REVENUE REQUIREMENTS

- West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP"), has filed with the Commission its Preliminary 1997 Revenue Requirements in accordance with the rate adjustment mechanism approved by Commission Order No. G-73-96. Under the terms of the May 24, 1996 Settlement Agreement, the public is invited to examine the material, submit other issues for determination by the Commission, and meet to review all issues at an Annual Review Meeting. WKP is to provide copies of the Preliminary 1997 Revenue Requirements material to all parties wishing to participate in the Annual Review.
- The Annual Review is also required in order to set the Load Forecast, Power Purchases and Distribution Extension Capital Expenditures for 1997 and parties may institute a complaint procedure before the Commission if not satisfied.
- Participants in the Annual Review requesting additional information from WKP should do so as soon as possible and WKP is directed to use its best efforts to respond in a timely manner.
- A Public Information Town Hall Meeting will be held for those parties not wishing to participate in the Annual Review. Copies of the Preliminary 1997 Revenue Requirements material will be made available by WKP. As well, the material is available for review at all WKP district offices and at the B.C. Utilities Commission.
- WKP is directed to appear at both meetings with informed Company representatives available to answer questions from customers and interested parties in attendance.

- Subsequent to the Annual Review, WKP will file an Application with the Commission for final rates by customer class effective January 1, 1997. WKP is not seeking a general increase in rates for 1997; however, pursuant to Commission Order No. G-41-94, the Commission directed certain rate design changes including an increase effective January 1, 1997 of 2 percent to rates charged to residential customers.
- The Meetings will be held as follows

ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 1996
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Grand Okanagan Resort
1310 Water Street
Kelowna, B.C.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 1996
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CLARIFICATION

Those persons wishing to participate in the Annual Review are to advise the Commission Secretary of their intention in writing, together with any operational issues for Commission determination as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, November 22, 1996. Persons intending to participate in the Meetings and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed may (in writing, by telephone or via facsimile) contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary or Mr. Barry McKinlay, Manager, Rates and Finance-Electrical, as follows:

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Original signed by:

Robert J. Pellatt
Commission Secretary