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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-64-96

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

and

Applications by West Kootenay Power Ltd.
for Approval of its Revenue Requirements and Integrated Resource Plan

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson; and)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) June 13, 1996

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 29, 1995 West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") filed with the Commission, pursuant to Sections 64 and 67 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), a draft Revenue Requirements Application (the "Application") for approval of rates effective January 1, 1996; and
- B. The Commission issued Order No. G-111-95 approving an average interim increase in rates of 3.85 percent effective January 1, 1996; and
- C. The Final Application, filed on February 27, 1996, included a request for Orders concerning automatic adjustment mechanisms to replace cost of service regulation with incentive regulation; and
- D. WKP also requested the implementation of a negotiated settlement process ("NSP"); and
- E. The Commission issued Orders No. G-10-96 and G-27-96 setting down a regulatory timetable, including a series of Workshops, Information Requests and Negotiated Settlement dates; and
- F. On May 24, 1996 a proposed negotiated settlement was reached among certain of the participants and circulated to all Registered Intervenor, Interested Parties and the Commission; and
- G. Letters of concern or objection to the proposed settlement were received from some participants.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. A public hearing to review the impacts of, and any objections to, the proposed settlement is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m., June 27, 1996 at The Riverbelle, 1350 Esplanade, Trail, B.C.
- 2. Registered Intervenor and Interested Parties 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 by June 21, 1996.
- 3. WKP is to prepare a panel of witnesses capable of speaking to the Application and to the issues raised by opponents to the proposed settlement, including contracting-out as raised by the Electrical Contractors Association of British Columbia in its June 7, 1996 submission.

4. Following examination of the WKP panel, pursuant to the Negotiated Settlement Process Policy, Procedures and Guidelines, the Commission will hear evidence and examination of intervenor groups opposed to the proposed settlement, together with final argument by all parties.
5. Based in the record generated, the Commission will determine if the proposed settlement should be accepted or if a full public hearing should proceed at a later date.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 17th day of June, 1996.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Kenneth L. Hall
Commissioner