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

and

An Application for Participant Assistance Cost Award by  
the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre and Natural Resource Industries  
for the West Kootenay Power Ltd. 1997 Annual Review Application

**BEFORE:** M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson ) February 26, 1997

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On November 1, 1996 WKP filed its Preliminary 1997 Revenue Requirements material for the 1997 Annual Review, which was held on December 4, 1996 in Kelowna, B.C. On December 12, 1996 West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") filed its Application for Final Rates by Customer Class, effective January 1, 1997, which was approved by the Commission under Order No. G-1-97; and
- B. On December 16, 1996 Natural Resource Industries ("NRI") and on January 20, 1997 the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre, on behalf of its client the Consumers' Association of Canada B.C. Branch ("CAC(BC) et al."), both filed applications for participant assistance cost awards for their participation at the WKP Annual Review; and
- C. The Panel has determined that NRI's and CAC(BC)'s participation in the WKP Annual Review proceedings requires reimbursement in accordance with Commission approved guidelines; and
- D. The Panel has discussed the claims having regard to the criteria and rates as set out in Order No. G-103-96.

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

1. Pursuant to Section 133.1(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission awards funds to:

NRI	Attendance and Preparation	\$350.00
	Expenses including Travel	<u>290.72</u>
		<u>\$640.72</u>
CAC(BC)	Counsel Fees	\$4,104.00
	Consultant Fees	4,751.51
	Expenses/Disbursements	<u>404.74</u>
		<u>\$9,260.25</u>

2. WKP is directed to reimburse NRI and CAC(BC) in the total amounts awarded in a timely fashion.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of March, 1997.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard  
Chairperson