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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

Applications for Participant Assistance Cost Awards by an Intervenor
into the Issue of Retail Transmission Access and Unbundled Tariffs
and
Order No. G-103-96 - Participant Assistance Cost Awards

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
and Acting Chair) July 9, 1997
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission, by Order No. G-6-97, set down a public hearing into the issue of Retail Access and Unbundled Tariffs to commence April 1, 1997 in Vancouver, B.C. The Order also set out deadlines for submissions, information requests and requests for participant assistance from Intervenor; and
- B. Following a March 26, 1997 request from the Minister of Employment and Investment the Commission, by Order No. G-41-97, adjourned indefinitely the April 1, 1997 public hearing. The Commission requested applications for participant assistance cost awards to be filed with the Commission by May 16, 1997; and
- C. The Commission received a recent updated application from Energy Probe Research Foundation for a participant assistance cost award relating to the adjourned public hearing into Retail Access and Unbundled Tariffs; and
- D. The Commission discussed the participant cost assistance claim having regard to the criteria and rates set out in Order No. G-103-96; and
- E. The Commission has determined that preparation time for this registered Intervenor requires reimbursement in accordance with approved guidelines.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission orders British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") and West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") to reimburse Energy Probe Research Foundation in the amount of \$13,804.05. The allocation of participant costs is based on the pro-rata energy sales for the previous calendar year as published in the Commission's 1996 Annual Report to the Legislature.

Utility	1996 Energy Sales (GWH)	Pro-Rata Portion	Energy Probe
B.C. Hydro	43,854.40	96.0813 %	\$13,263.11
WKP	<u>1,788.62</u>	<u>3.9187 %</u>	<u>540.94</u>
	<u>45,643.02</u>	<u>100.0000 %</u>	<u>\$13,804.05</u>

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of July, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair and
Acting Chair