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

and

An Application by Regional Power Inc.
for an Exemption from Provisions of the Utilities Commission Act

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson) February 13, 1997

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On January 30, 1997 the Commission by Order No. G-9-97 approved an application by AEC West Ltd. ("AEC") for an exemption from certain sections of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") covering the sale of power by AEC from its Sechelt Creek Hydroelectric project to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") pursuant to the authority given by Ministerial Order No. 1-M-51; and
- B. On January 31, 1997 B.C. Hydro approved the assignment of rights contained in the August 31, 1990 Electricity Purchase Agreement ("EPA") with AEC, to Regional Power Inc. ("Regional") effective December 1, 1996, pursuant to Section 13.1 of the EPA; and
- C. On February 10, 1997 Regional applied to the Commission for approval of an exemption from the Act covering the sale of power to B.C. Hydro; and
- D. The Commission has considered the application and is satisfied that an order approving the Assignment and transfer of rights is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders that the sale of power by Regional to B.C. Hydro is exempt from the Act, other than Part 2 and Section 114, pursuant to the authority given by Ministerial Order No. 1-M-51, attached as Appendix A.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of February, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chairperson

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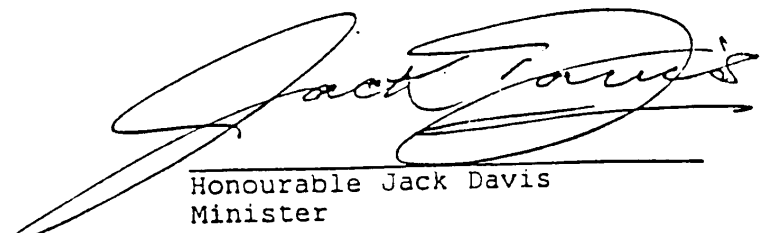
IN THE MATTER OF
s.27(2)(a)(ii) and 27(3)(b) OF THE
UTILITIES COMMISSION ACT
(THE ACT)

WHEREAS certain persons in the Province produce or intend to produce a power service and sell not more than one petajoule of the said power service per year (the Independent Power Producers);

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (the Minister), pursuant to s.27(3)(b) of the Act, may authorize the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the BCUC) to make orders pursuant to s.27(2);

AND WHEREAS the BCUC, pursuant to s.85.3 of the Act, will be reviewing Energy Supply Contracts entered into by the aforementioned Independent Power Producers;

NOW THEREFORE, effective as of the date written below, and until further notice, the Minister hereby authorizes the BCUC to make orders pursuant to s.27(2)(a)(ii) of the Act with respect to contracts between the said Independent Power Producers and the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and the British Columbia Power Export Corporation.


Honourable Jack Davis
Minister

Dated at the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia,
this 10th day of April, 1989.