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UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

and

An Application by West Kootenay Power Ltd.
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Rebuild its
Transmission Line No. 44 – Oliver to Osoyoos

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
and Acting Chair) November 27, 1997
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. As a result of increased load growth in the Oliver-Osoyoos region, West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") found that its 63 kV Transmission Line No. 44 was reaching its design capacity; and
- B. In January to March 1997, WKP undertook an environmental overview of the system and proposed a number of alternative projects to resupply the Town of Osoyoos, B.C. On April 21, 1997, WKP filed with the Commission the February 21, 1997, Stanley Consulting Group Report on the Proposed 44 Line Transmission Line Environmental Overview; and
- C. In April to June 1997, WKP sought customer input on the proposed alternative projects and in August 1997, held a customer forum in Oliver, B.C. on the Oliver to Osoyoos transmission line rebuild; and
- D. On November 19, 1997 WKP, following customer input, applied to the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for approval to rebuild its Transmission Line No. 44 from Oliver to Osoyoos, B.C. along the existing corridor, at 138 kV standards; and
- E. The Commission finds that broader public comment on the CPCN Application is required.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. WKP is to publish a Commission Notice requesting public input or comments on its Application for a CPCN for Transmission Line No. 44 in the local community newspapers in the Oliver and Osoyoos areas as soon as possible. A draft copy of the Notice is to be sent to the Commission for review in advance of publication.
2. The public's comments and concerns are to be received by the Commission no later than Friday, January 9, 1998.
3. WKP is to have sufficient copies of its CPCN Application available for distribution to the public in the local district offices in the Oliver and Osoyoos areas.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of December, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair and
Acting Chair