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Ms. Darlene Barnett
Senior Vice-President
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333 Dunsmuir Street
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Dear Ms. Barnett:

Re: 1. B.C. Hydro's Wholesale Transmission Services ("WTS") Request for Variance
2. West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") Rate Design Filing - Request for Extension

By way of letter dated May 28, 1997, B.C. Hydro applied for the following orders:

1. an order that WKP be required to file a wholesale transmission application within ninety days;
2. a ninety-day variance to Rate Schedule 3001 and Tariff Supplement No. 30 to allow WKP access to B.C. Hydro's wholesale transmission tariff; and
3. an order that WKP be permitted access to WTS pending the Commission's clarification of its ruling regarding the availability clause in Rate Schedule 3001.

The Commission has met to consider your application and declines to issue any of the requested orders.

The Commission has considered your concerns regarding compliance with the reciprocity requirements contained in Rate Schedule 3001 and Tariff Supplement No. 30 and will be issuing a further letter on this issue shortly.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Pellatt".

Robert J. Pellatt

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cc: Mr. Robert H. Hobbs
Director, Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Secretary
West Kootenay Power Ltd.