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UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-129-97

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

and

An Application by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to
Rebuild a 138 kV Transmission Line to 230 kV Standards

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
and Acting Chair) December 11, 1997
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 27, 1997, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") applied to the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to rebuild 3.0 kilometres of a 138 kV Transmission Line to 230 kV standards, from its Jingle Pot Substation to its Northfield Substation near Nanaimo, B.C.; and
- B. The Application included a September 1997 Environmental Planning and Assessment Report, a September 1997 Technical Report, and a September 1997 Public Consultation Report, all in support of the project. The Application also indicated that there has been detailed stakeholder meetings and news releases about the project; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that the broader general public needs to be given the opportunity to make submissions regarding the project.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. B.C. Hydro is to publish in the local newspapers in the area, a Commission Notice requesting public comment on the Application for a CPCN to rebuild a portion of the 138 kV line to 230 kV standards and to be energized at 138 kV. A draft copy of the Notice is to be sent to the Commission for review in advance of publication. B.C. Hydro is to publish the Notice as soon as possible, as well as during the week of January 5, 1998.

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2. The public's comments on the CPCN Application are to be received by the Commission, in writing, no later than Friday, January 30, 1998.
3. B.C. Hydro is to have sufficient copies of the CPCN Application available at its Nanaimo District Office for distribution to the public.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of December, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair and
Acting Chair