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Ms. Darlene M. Barnett
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Dear Ms. Barnett:

Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Request for Time Extension to File CPCN's

With reference to your October 31, 1997 and August 29, 1997 letters requesting a time extension to the Commission's requirement to file Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity applications for distribution extensions from September 1, 1997, to such time as the final proposals and tariffs for distribution and transmission extension policies and tests are approved by the Commission, the Commission has decided as follows:

The Commission approves the request to defer the requirement for the filing of CPCN applications until such time as the Commission has ruled on B.C. Hydro's System Extension Test.

Yours truly,

Robert J. Pellatt

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