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BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER G-58-98

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

and

An Application by Alberta Power Limited  
for an Exemption Covering the Sale of Power

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair ) June 30, 1998  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On February 5, 1998, Alberta Power Limited ("APL") filed with the Commission, an application for exemption from the provisions of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") for the supply of power by APL to the Pioneer Natural Resources Canada Inc. ("Pioneer") Chinchaga Gas Plant, 140 km north of Fort St. John, B.C.; and
- B. APL proposes to serve Pioneer by constructing a 17.3 km, 25 kV transmission line from its Hamburg Substation in Alberta to Pioneer's Chinchaga Gas Plant in British Columbia, which will supply up to 2.5 MW of power for an initial 10-year term commencing March 15, 1998; and
- C. By Order No. E-4-98, dated April 1, 1998 the Commission, pursuant to Section 71 of the Act, approved the January 26, 1998 Electric Service Agreement between APL and Pioneer; and
- D. APL advised that it has applied for and received the necessary approvals from the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks and the Electrical Safety Branch of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, to permit construction of the transmission line across 1.5 km of British Columbia Crown Land to Pioneer's Chinchaga Gas Plant. On April 1, 1998, the Commission issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. C-2-98, pursuant to Section 45 of the Act, approving the construction and operation of the transmission line by APL; and
- E. On March 26, 1998, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority advised the Commission that it supported APL's application to serve Pioneer; and
- F. The Commission has considered the application and is satisfied that an Order under Section 88(3) of the Act exempting APL from the requirements under Part 3 of the Utilities Commission Act, other than Section 22, properly conserves the public interest; and
- G. On June 3, 1998, the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council was given to the said exemption by Order in Council No. 0696, 1998, which is attached as Appendix A; and
- H. The Commission may, pursuant to Section 99 of the Act, reconsider, vary or rescind an Order made by it.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to Section 88(3) of the Act, the Commission orders as follows:

1. The sale of power by APL to Pioneer's Chinchaga Gas Plant is exempt from the requirements under Part 3 of the Act, other than Section 22, effective June 30, 1998.
2. APL is responsible for the safe and proper operation of its plant facilities consistent with the requirements of the Electrical Safety Branch.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9th day of July, 1998.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

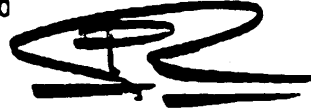
Peter Ostergaard  
Chair

Attachment

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 0696 , Approved and Ordered JUN - 3 1998

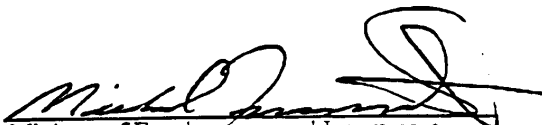


Lieutenant Governor


Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that

approval is given for the British Columbia Utilities Commission to exempt Alberta Power Limited from Part 3 of the Utilities Commission Act, except section 22.



Minister of Employment and Investment  
and Minister Responsible for Housing



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Utilities Commission Act, section 88 (3)