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ORDER
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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 Approval of its Wholesale Transmission Services

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) April 23, 1998
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. In its Decision dated June 25, 1996, the Commission approved the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") Wholesale Transmission Services ("WTS") Application subject to several changes; and
- B. On February 17, 1997, B.C. Hydro filed with the Commission for approval a second WTS Application in response to those determinations and requested interim approval of certain portions of its Application; and
- C. On March 24, 1997 the Commission, by Order No. G-31-97, granted interim approval to the Application with the exception of those elements relating to the auction proposal, and directed B.C. Hydro to refile its Electric Tariff Rate Schedules; and
- D. Commission Order No. G-53-97 established that the disposition of the B.C. Hydro WTS Application would be through negotiated settlement and Alternate Dispute Resolution procedures; and
- E. On June 20, 1997, B.C. Hydro submitted amendments to its WTS Application and requested that the revised Tariff Supplement No. 30, as well as Rate Schedules 3000 to 3010, be approved on an interim basis, effective August 1, 1997; and

- F. On July 2, 1997 the Commission, by Order No. G-77-97, granted interim approval to the revised WTS Application effective August 1, 1997, and directed that the disposition of the Application would now be by way of a public hearing; and
- G. On July 16, 1997 the Commission, by Order No. G-83-97, issued a Notice of Public Hearing and a Regulatory Agenda for the B.C. Hydro WTS Application; and
- H. On October 10, 1997, the Commission requested comments from Intervenors on the Industrial Customers' request for an adjournment of the November 17, 1997 B.C. Hydro WTS public hearing; and
- I. The Commission received comments from eight Intervenors, seven of which supported the Industrial Customers' request for an adjournment of the public hearing. The Commission, under Order No. G-105-97, rescheduled the B.C. Hydro WTS public hearing to commence January 19, 1998 in Vancouver, B.C. A revised Regulatory Timetable was issued as Appendix A to the Order; and
- J. The public hearing into the Application took place in Vancouver, commencing January 19, 1998 and concluded nine hearing days later, followed by written argument filed on February 16 and 23, 1998 and Reply Argument by B.C. Hydro by March 2, 1998; and
- K. The Commission has considered the Application, written evidence, evidence presented at the hearing and final written arguments filed after the hearing.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders B.C. Hydro to comply with the Commission's Decision issued concurrently with this Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of April, 1998.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair