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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-44-98

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

and

An Application by West Kootenay Power Ltd.
for Approval of its 1998 Transmission Access Application

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) May 6, 1998

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 9, 1998, West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") filed a Transmission Access Application ("the Application") seeking approval of wholesale transmission access and retail transmission access for its Industrial and Municipal customers; and
- B. In its Application WKP requested interim approval of Tariff Supplement No. 7 (Terms and Conditions) and of rates as set out in Rate Schedules 100 to 108 for use by eligible customers seeking wholesale transmission access as defined in Tariff Supplement No. 7 (Eligible Customers), excluding customers served under Rate Schedule 31, as of March 21, 1998. WKP requested that the Commission direct that a Consultative Committee be established with a mandate as set out in Tab 10 of the Application as of the date of the interim approval; and
- C. The Commission, by Order No. G-29-98, granted interim approval of Tariff Supplement No. 7 and of rates set out in Rate Schedules 100 to 108 for use by customers seeking wholesale transmission access, effective March 21, 1998. The Commission established and subsequently held a pre-hearing conference on Friday, April 17, 1998 that was video-conferenced between Vancouver and Trail, B.C.; and
- D. As a result of input from the April 17, 1998 pre-hearing conference the Commission has agreed to issue a Regulatory Timetable to review the Application.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. WKP is ordered to refile, by July 31, 1998, its Transmission Access Application with any changes it considers appropriate after reviewing the Commission's April 23, 1998 Decision on British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's Wholesale Transmission Services Application.
2. A Regulatory Timetable into the WKP Transmission Access Application is established and attached as Appendix A to this Order.
3. The times and locations of the September 10, 1998 Workshop and the October 19, 1998 Public Hearing will be issued by way of a future Commission Order and will be sent out to registered intervenors, following the July 31, 1998 refiling of WKP's 1998 Transmission Access Application.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of May, 1998.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair

Attachment

REGULATORY TIMETABLE
WEST KOOTENAY POWER LTD.
1998 TRANSMISSION ACCESS APPLICATION

ACTION	DATE (1998)
WKP to refile its Transmission Access Application	Friday, July 31
Pre-hearing Workshop	Thursday, September 10*
Filing of initial Information Requests to WKP	Friday, September 18
WKP Responses to Information Requests	Friday, October 2
Intervenor filed Evidence	Friday, October 9
Public Hearing	Monday, October 19*

* Times and Locations will be announced by a Commission Order following the filing of WKP's revised Transmission Access Application.