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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

and

Alberta Power Limited
for Approval of an Electric Service Agreement

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) April 1, 1998
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 71 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") requires that Energy Supply Contracts between producers and consumers be filed with the Commission; and
- B. On March 9, 1998, Alberta Power Limited ("APL") filed for Commission approval, an Electric Service Agreement ("the Agreement") dated January 26, 1998, between APL and Pioneer Natural Resources Canada Inc. ("Pioneer") for the supply of electricity to Pioneer's Chinchaga Gas Plant, 140 km north of Fort St. John; and
- C. The Agreement provides for the annual sale by APL of approximately 2.5 MW at 25 kV for an initial term of 10 years commencing March 15, 1998. On March 26, 1998, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority advised the Commission that it supported the APL application to serve 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 17.3 km transmission line from APL's Hamburg Substation in Alberta, across 1.5 km of British Columbia Crown land to Pioneer's Chinchaga Gas Plant; and
- E. On April 1, 1998, the Commission issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. C-2-98, under Section 45 of the Act, and is requesting the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council to issue an Order for an exemption from certain sections of the Act; and

F. The Commission has reviewed the Agreement and supporting documentation and is satisfied that the Agreement is in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission accepts for filing, pursuant to Section 71 of the Act, the Electric Service Agreement dated January 26, 1998 between APL and Pioneer for the supply of electricity to Pioneer's Chinchaga Gas Plant, for an initial period of 10 years, commencing March 15, 1998.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 30th day of April, 1998.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair