British Columbia Utilities Commission			
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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 a Special Contract and a Standard Tariff Rate for Special Contract Customers in Rate Zone II

BEFORE:	P. Ostergaard, Chair)	
	L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)	March 24, 1998

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 16, 1998, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") applied to the Commission for approval of an August 6, 1997 Contract with the Heiltsuk Band Council ("HBC") for the supply of up to 88 kW of power to the Social Development Centre at Waglisla near Bella Bella, B.C.; and
- B. B.C. Hydro requested approval to use the average unit cost to generate electricity at all B.C. Hydro diesel generating stations as a standard rate for all Special Contract customers in Rate Zone II; and
- C. The standard rate for this service will be calculated using the total fuel oil, lube oil, and maintenance costs divided by the total kilowatt hours generated by all B.C. Hydro diesel generating facilities for the fiscal year ending March 31st in Rate Zone II, and will be used as the billing rate to Special Contract customers on the following June 1st; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the B.C. Hydro application and finds that it should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission approves for B.C. Hydro the August 6, 1997 Special Contract with HBC, identified as Tariff Supplement No. 20.



- 2. The Commission approves for B.C. Hydro the use of a standard rate, as the rate that will apply to all new Special Contract customers and those covered under Tariff Supplements No. 9, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 24 and 29 effective for the billing year commencing June 1, 1998. The standard rate will be calculated using the total fuel oil, lube oil and maintenance costs divided by the total kilowatt hours generated by all B.C. Hydro diesel generating facilities for the year ending March 31st in Rate Zone II, during the immediate preceding year, which will become effective on the following June 1st. B.C. Hydro is to amend its Electric Tariff to incorporate the new rate calculation method.
- 3. B.C. Hydro is required to notify Rate Zone II customers that are affected by this Order of the change in method of calculation of the annual adjustment to the energy rate.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of April, 1998.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr Deputy Chair