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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

An Application by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
for Approval of its Distribution Extension Policy

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner) January 22, 1998
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. In 1996 the Commission issued its Decision on Utility System Extension Tests and, on September 5, 1996, issued its Guidelines; and
- B. On January 31, 1997, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") filed a draft Policy for System Extension Tests. The Commission requested comment from interested parties; and
- C. On September 11, 1997, B.C. Hydro filed a Distribution Extension Policy Application in which it applied for approval to amend its tariffs, terms and conditions of service, and a schedule of standard charges relating to distribution extensions. The Commission, by Letter No. L-61-97, asked interested parties to comment on the application by December 1, 1997; and
- D. On January 14, 1998, B.C. Hydro provided its comments on the interested parties' responses; and
- E. The Commission has reviewed the filing and finds that approval of B.C. Hydro's Distribution Extension Policy is appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission approves B.C. Hydro's September 11, 1997 Distribution Extension Policy Application except for the magnitude of the Refund Administration Fee which is required to be \$75.00. The policy and approved tariff amendments are to be implemented effective April 1, 1998, as proposed in B.C. Hydro's January 14, 1998 letter.
2. B.C. Hydro is to refile for Commission approval its Electric Tariff, including Terms and Conditions and Standard Charges with an effective date of April 1, 1998.
3. In recognition of the changes in the cost of the new Distribution Extension Policy to customers in Rate Zones I, IB and II, B.C. Hydro is to advise new and existing customers by way of advertisements and appropriate customer notices. A draft copy of the Customer Notice shall be provided to the Commission in advance of distribution.

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

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair