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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
Regarding Rate Schedules 1821 and 1848
– 5,000 kVA Minimum Requirement

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) October 2, 1998
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 26, 1998, the Commission received a complaint from the Council of Forest Industries, the Mining Association of British Columbia and the Electro-Chemical Producers ("the large Industrial Customers") concerning the existence of the 5,000 kVA minimum billing demand contained in B.C. Hydro's Rate Schedules 1821 and 1848 and asking that it be eliminated; and
- B. On June 4, 1998, the Commission requested that B.C. Hydro provide the rationale for the retention of the 5,000 kVA minimum; and
- C. On June 19, 1998, B.C. Hydro replied to the Commission's request, providing its reasons for the retention of the 5,000 kVA minimum; and
- D. On September 15, 1998, Commission staff met with B.C. Hydro and representatives of the large Industrial Customers to discuss this issue; and
- E. Commission staff reported the discussions which took place to the Commission; and
- F. The Commission reviewed the relevant correspondence as well as the report from Commission staff.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. B.C. Hydro is to remove the 5,000 kVA minimum from Rate Schedules 1821 and 1848 effective the date of this Order.
2. Rate Schedule 1211 customers, currently taking service at distribution voltage, will have all requests to move to Rate Schedule 1821 held in abeyance until after the filing and review of B.C. Hydro's Transmission Extension Policy.
3. B.C. Hydro is to file its Transmission Extension Policy by November 30, 1998.

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

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair