



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 a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
to add a 230 kV Transformer at its Strawberry Hill Substation

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) March 3, 1999

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 26, 1999, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") applied to the Commission, pursuant to Section 45 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), to waive the requirement for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the addition of an 85 MVA, 230/25 kV transformer and related equipment at its Strawberry Hill Substation located in Surrey, B.C. ("the Project"). Subsequent to the filing, B.C. Hydro confirmed that the application could be for a CPCN for the Project; and
- B. The Project, with an estimated capital cost of \$4.7 million, is required due to increased load growth in the Surrey area, which was confirmed by the firm design capacity of the substation being exceeded in the winter of 1998/99; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that the Project is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. A CPCN is granted to B.C. Hydro to add an 85 MVA, 230/25 kV transformer and related equipment, at its Strawberry Hill Substation, pursuant to Section 45 of the Act.
- 2. B.C. Hydro is to file with the Commission a final report, including construction cost information, for the Project within six months of its completion.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 10th day of March 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair