



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

and

An Application by Kanelk Transmission Company Limited  
for Approval to Dispose of Utility Assets

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair ) June 24, 1999  
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On June 8, 1999, Kanelk Transmission Company Limited ("Kanelk") applied to the Commission pursuant to Sections 52 and 41 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), to dispose of its utility property in British Columbia and assign the associated Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") ("the Application"); and
- B. Kanelk's facilities in British Columbia were built in 1951 and run from TransAlta Utilities Corporation's southern Alberta transmission system at Pocaterra, Alberta to B.C. Hydro's Natal Substation. The line then runs east from the substation and terminates at Coleman, Alberta. The line is presently used by B.C. Hydro to serve its customers in the Elk Valley; and
- C. Kanelk and B.C. Hydro signed an agreement, dated December 15, 1998, for the sale of the utility assets for the amount of \$4,323,000 subject to Commission approval; and
- D. The District of Elkford, the Regional District of East Kootenay and Fording Coal Ltd. have expressed their interest and concerns about the sale of Kanelk's utility assets; and
- E. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that a public process and a Pre-hearing Conference is required.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission will hold a Pre-hearing Conference on the Application on July 22, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. local time, at the Recreation Centre, in Elkford, B.C. The Pre-hearing Conference will address all aspects of the Application, identify the principal issues and examine what further process is required.
2. Kanelk is to arrange for publication of the Notice of Pre-hearing Conference, attached as Appendix A, in all local newspapers of the service area, including those in Cranbrook, B.C., by July 9, 1999.

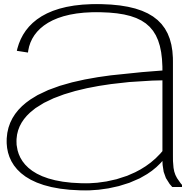
**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1999.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Lorna R. Barr  
Deputy Chair

Attachment



## **NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

### **KANELK TRANSMISSION COMPANY LIMITED Application for Approval to Dispose of Utility Assets**

**Date:** July 22, 1999  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Recreation Centre  
816 Michel Drive  
Elkford, B.C.

## **THE APPLICATION**

On June 8, 1999 Kanelk Transmission Company Limited ("Kanelk") applied to the Commission to dispose of its utility assets consisting of a 120 km, 138 kV transmission line located in the Elk Valley to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") for \$4,323,000. The transmission line serves B.C. Hydro's customers located in the Elk River Valley, the District of Elkford, and the coal mines of Fording Coal, Greenhills Coal and Line Creek Coal Mines.

## **THE REGULATORY PROCESS**

The Commission will hold a Pre-hearing Conference in Elkford on July 22, 1999 to discuss procedural matters which will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- future processes,
- completeness of the Application,
- identification of principal issues,
- other matters that will enable the proceeding to efficiently cover and review all aspects of the Application.

## **PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION**

The Application is available for inspection at the following locations:

**Kanelk Transmission Company Limited (Head Office)**  
110 – 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta

**British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority**

Head Office: Regulatory Affairs, 333 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.  
Attention: Alice Ferreira (Phone 604, 623-4046)  
District Office: 629 Industrial Road, Unit #2, Cranbrook, B.C. V1C 4C9  
Attention: Louise Jensen (Phone 250, 489-6856)

**British Columbia Utilities Commission**

6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3

**PARTICIPATION IN THE PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

Persons who expect to actively participate in the Pre-hearing Conference or review process should register as Intervenors with the Commission. Intervenors will receive copies of the Application, all correspondence and filed documentation. Persons not expecting to actively participate should register with the Commission as Interested Parties and they will receive a copy of the Application's Executive Summary, all Orders issued, as well as the Commission's Decision.

Intervenors and Interested Parties should inform the Commission in writing, by July 16, 1999 of their intention to become Intervenors or Interested Parties, and if they will be attending the Pre-hearing Conference.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, or Mr. Barry McKinlay, Manager, Rates and Finance as follows:

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BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Robert J. Pellatt  
Commission Secretary