



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

and

An Application by West Kootenay Power Ltd.
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for its Kootenay 230 kV System Development

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) December 2, 1999
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner)
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 12, 1999, West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") applied to the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for its Kootenay 230 kV System Development project ("the Kootenay 230 kV Project") pursuant to Section 45(1) of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"); and
- B. The Kootenay 230 kV Project application was preceded by a review of WKP's 20-Year System Plan filing that was discussed by participants at a workshop in Penticton on May 27, 1999. On June 15, 1999, the Commission issued Letter No. L-28-99 directing the Utility to file applications for CPCNs where required and in accordance with WKP's priority and scheduling needs; and
- C. The Kootenay 230 kV Project is intended to improve reliability by upgrading and expanding the WKP transmission system in the Kootenay Region; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Kootenay 230 kV Project application and finds that a public hearing process is required to be established.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. A Regulatory Agenda and Timetable into WKP's Kootenay 230 kV Project is attached as Appendix A to this Order.

2. A public hearing into the Kootenay 230 kV Project is scheduled to commence at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 21, 2000 at the Best Western Fireside Inn in Castlegar, B.C.
3. A Workshop and Pre-hearing Conference will take place on Friday, January 14, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. at the Best Western Fireside Inn in Castlegar, B.C.
4. A Notice of Public Hearing, Workshop and Pre-hearing Conference is attached as Appendix B to this Order. WKP is required to publish the Notice, as soon as possible, in local newspapers in the affected service areas, in order to adequately notify its customers. A copy of this Order, Appendix A and Appendix B is required to be sent by WKP to Intervenor and Interested Parties who registered for the workshop on the 20-Year System Plan and the WKP Negotiated Settlement Process for the 2000-2002 Revenue Requirements.
5. WKP is to distribute copies of the Application and Appendices, and any supplemental and/or supporting information, to Registered Intervenor. A copy of this Order will be sent by the Commission to all parties registering with the Commission.
6. Registered Intervenor and Interested Parties intending to make requests for additional information, or participate in the Workshop, Pre-hearing Conference or Public Hearing, are to follow the Regulatory Agenda and Timetable set out in Appendix A to this Order.
7. All parties intending to apply for Participant Assistance must file a budget by Monday, January 31, 2000. The budget must be consistent with the Commission's Participant Assistance/Cost Award Guidelines as outlined in Order No. G-97-98. Copies of the Order and Guidelines are available upon request or from the Commission's web site: www.bcuc.com/paca.html.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of December 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair

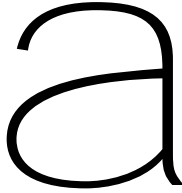
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REGULATORY AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

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<u>ACTION</u>	<u>DATES (2000)</u>	
WKP Filing of Testimony and Supplemental Evidence	Monday	January 10
Deadline for Intervenor Registration	Wednesday	January 12
Workshop and Pre-hearing Conference	Friday	January 14
Filing of Initial Information Requests to West Kootenay Power	Friday	January 21
Deadline for Filing Participant Assistance Budgets	Monday	January 31
West Kootenay Power Ltd. Responses to Information Requests	Friday	February 4
Intervenor Evidence to be Filed	Friday	February 11
Public Hearing Commences	Monday	February 21

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
WORKSHOP AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

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	Workshop and Pre-Hearing Conference	Public Hearing
Time:	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Date:	Friday, January 14, 2000	Monday, February 21, 2000
Location:	Best Western Fireside Inn 1810 8th Avenue Castlegar, B.C. V1N 2Y2 (250) 365-2128	Best Western Fireside Inn 1810 8th Avenue Castlegar, B.C. V1N 2Y2 (250) 365-2128

THE APPLICATION AND REGULATORY PROCESS

West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") has applied to the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to build and operate the Kootenay 230 kV System Development project ("the Kootenay 230 kV Project"), for the purpose of upgrading and expanding WKP's transmission system in the South Slocan, Castlegar, Trail and Waneta areas. The Kootenay 230 kV Project proposes to upgrade the present Kootenay transmission system with 230 kV lines and switchyards, replacing the present 63 kV lines between South Slocan and Trail, and adding a 230 kV line between Trail and the Waneta generating station.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Kootenay 230 kV Project application and supporting material are available for inspection at the following WKP locations:

West Kootenay Power Ltd.

Head Office: 1290 Esplanade Street, Trail, B.C. V1R 4L4

District Offices: #106-2395 Gordon Drive, Kelowna, B.C. V1X 3X7
36895 71st Street, Oliver, B.C. V0H 1T0
1260 Commercial Way, Penticton, B.C. V2A 3H5

B.C. Utilities Commission

6th Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3.

INTERVENTIONS

Persons wishing to participate in the Workshop, Pre-hearing Conference or the Public Hearing are to advise the Commission Secretary in writing, by Wednesday, January 12, 2000, of their intention to become Intervenors or Interested Parties.

Registered Intervenors who actively participate in the proceeding will receive copies of the Kootenay 230 kV Project Application, the Appendices, all correspondence and filed documentation. Interested Parties who register with the Commission and who do not expect to be active participants will receive from the Commission a copy of the Application, all Orders issued, and the Commission's Decision.

INFORMATION REQUESTS

Registered Intervenors requesting additional information from WKP on the Kootenay 230 kV Project should do so no later than Friday, January 21, 2000. WKP is required to respond to information requests no later than Friday, February 4, 2000.

SUBMISSIONS BY INTERVENORS

Registered Intervenors must file two copies of their written submissions or evidence concerning the Kootenay 230 kV Project, one with the Commission Secretary at Box 250, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3, and the other with WKP at P.O. Box 130, Trail, B.C., V1R 4L4, no later than Friday, February 11, 2000.

PARTICIPANT ASSISTANCE

All parties intending to apply for Participant Assistance for the Kootenay 230 kV Project must file a budget by Monday, January 31, 2000 consistent with the Commission's Guidelines as outlined in Order No. G-97-98. Copies of the Participant Assistance/Cost Award Guidelines are available upon request or from the Commission's web site: www.bcuc.com/paca.html.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Persons intending to participate in the Kootenay 230 kV Project proceedings and who are uncertain how to proceed, may contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, or Mr. Bob Rerie, Senior Electrical Engineer, as follows:

Telephone:	(604) 660-4700	Facsimile:	(604) 660-1102
B.C. Toll Free:	1-800-663-1385	E-mail:	commission.secretary@bcuc.com

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert J. Pellatt
Commission Secretary