



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

and

West Kootenay Power Ltd.
Preliminary 2000-2002 Revenue Requirements and Incentive Mechanism Review

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) October 7, 1999
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 3, 1999, WKP filed its Preliminary 2000-2002 Revenue Requirements and Incentive Mechanism Review ("the Proposal"), requesting an Order to set rates in accordance with the Incentive Mechanism during a period beginning January 1, 2000 and ending December 31, 2002; and
- B. Commission Order No. G-94-99 set down a Workshop on the Proposal, which was held on September 29 and 30, 1999 in Kelowna B.C., followed by a Pre-hearing Conference that addressed procedural matters; and
- C. The Workshop participants agreed that an Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") process be implemented with the following key dates:

| <u>Incentive Mechanism Review</u> | <u>Date (1999)</u> |
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| Filing of Information Requests | October 6 |
| WKP Responses to Information Requests | October 18 |
| Filing of Preliminary Revenue Requirement Materials | November 8 |
| Negotiated Settlement Days | November 15-17 |
| Filing of Participant Materials for Hearing, if required | November 22 |
| Public Hearing, if required | December 13 |

- D. The Commission requires that an ADR regulatory process and timetable be established.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1 An ADR process, with respect to the Preliminary Revenue Requirement Materials, will commence at 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 15, 1999, at the Prestige Inn, 1675 Abbott Street, Kelowna, B.C.
2. Workshop participants are now registered by the Commission as intervenors in this process.
3. If required, a public hearing will commence at 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 13, 1999 at a time and location to be announced.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of October 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair