



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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Price Dispatched Curtailment Program - Rate Schedule 1849

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) October 14, 1999
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission, by Order No. G-91-99, directed that an oral public hearing would be held in two phases to consider the Price Dispatched Curtailment ("PDC") Program of British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro"): Phase I – to determine the Commission's jurisdiction to regulate such a program and any modifications to the PDC Program; and Phase II – to determine if any modifications to the existing PDC Program are warranted by the evidence; and
- B. The Regulatory Timetable attached to Order No. G-91-99 also established a Pre-hearing Conference to be held on October 5, 1999; and
- C. In a letter dated October 1, 1999, B.C. Hydro advised the Commission that at the Pre-hearing Conference it would make applications for the adjournment of the hearing, for an amendment to the preliminary list of issues attached as Appendix C to Order No. G-91-99, for resolution of jurisdictional issues prior to requiring submissions on substantive program issues, and for an extension of the time for filing its submission; and
- D. B.C. Hydro also requested that the Commissioners attend the Pre-hearing Conference in order to respond to its applications on an expedited basis; and
- E. The Commission considered the B.C. Hydro applications and determined that they would not attend the Pre-hearing Conference, but would consider the applications on an expedited basis, and directed staff to canvass parties at the Pre-hearing Conference regarding the most appropriate method of hearing the views of all interested parties on the issues raised in the B.C. Hydro October 1, 1999 letter; and

- F. The Pre-hearing Conference was held as scheduled on October 5, 1999; and
- G. The Commission issued Order G-104-99 dated October 6, 1999, and directed parties other than B.C. Hydro to file written submissions, if any, by October 12, 1999 regarding the applications made by B.C. Hydro in its October 1, 1999 letter, and B.C. Hydro to file written reply by October 14, 1999; and
- H. Participants to the PDC proceeding, including Commission staff, met on Friday, October 8, 1999 to attempt to resolve certain issues prior to the filing of submissions; and
- I. By letter dated October 12, 1999 counsel for the Joint Industry Electricity Steering Committee requested an extension to the timetable for submissions established by Order No. G-104-99.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The deadline established by Order No. G-104-99 for written submissions by parties other than B.C. Hydro is extended to October 19, 1999, and the deadline for written reply by B.C. Hydro is extended to October 21, 1999.
2. After receipt of the submissions by B.C. Hydro and the other parties, the Commission will review the regulatory timetable established by Order No. G-91-99 to determine if it requires amendment.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of October 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair