



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)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) February 24, 2000
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner)
P.G. Bradley, 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 for its Kootenay 230 kV System Development Project ("the Kootenay 230 kV Project") pursuant to Section 45(1) of the Utilities Commission Act; and
- B. By Order No. G-125-99 dated December 2, 1999, the Commission established a Regulatory Agenda and Timetable for the Kootenay 230 kV Project which included the filing of Intervenor Evidence on February 11, 2000 and a public hearing commencing February 21, 2000; and
- C. By Order No. G-17-00 dated February 10, 2000, the Commission approved a delay in the date for the filing of Intervenor Evidence to February 15, 2000; and
- D. The public hearing commenced February 21, 2000 and, as it became apparent that the evidentiary portion of the hearing would not be completed on February 24, 2000, the Commission requested submissions on the process that the hearing should follow after February 24, 2000; and
- E. The Commission considered the submissions on the process to be followed.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows.

- 1. The evidentiary portion of the Kootenay 230 kV Project public hearing will resume on Monday, March 13, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. in the Brilliant Cultural Centre, 1876 Brilliant Street in Brilliant, near Castlegar, B.C. Should the hearing continue beyond Tuesday, March 14, 2000, the location of the public hearing will move to the Castlegar Community Centre commencing Wednesday, March 15, 2000.
- 2. An evening session of the public hearing will be held at the Brilliant Cultural Centre on Monday, March 13, 2000 commencing at 7:30 p.m.
- 3. WKP will take sufficient steps to inform the public of the resumption of the public hearing and the evening session, including the publication of display advertisements in all appropriate local papers and public announcements over local radio stations.

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4. Key parties are encouraged to resume discussions with the intention of resolving uncertainties and disagreements related to the Kootenay 230 kV Project, particularly the sharing of costs and interconnections with other electrical transmission systems.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 25th day of February 2000.

BY ORDER

Original Signed By:

P.G. Bradley
Commissioner