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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-103-00

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

and

West Kootenay Power Ltd. - 2000 Annual Review and
Preliminary 2001 Revenue Requirements and Incentive Mechanism Review

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner) November 2, 2000
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Commission Order No. G-134-99 approved the November 22, 1999 Settlement Agreement setting up an amended rate adjustment mechanism ("the Incentive Mechanism") for the period beginning January 1, 2000 and ending December 31, 2002, whereby West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") is required to file annually with the Commission materials for a rate change, if any, effective January 1 of the next year; and
- B. The terms of the Settlement Agreement require that an Annual Review process be instituted, whereby the public will be invited to examine the filed material, submit other issues for determination by the Commission, and meet to review all issues prior to the rate application being made. Following the review, unsatisfied parties may initiate a complaint with the Commission; and
- C. WKP has committed to file its Preliminary 2001 Revenue Requirements and Incentive Mechanism Review Application ("the Application") by November 10, 2000; and
- D. A 2000 Annual Review is required to assess WKP's performance and to make adjustments against the 1999 and 2000 Revenue Requirements.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission will hold a 2000 Annual Review on December 7, 2000 commencing at 8:30 a.m. at the Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort and Conference Centre, 1310 Water Street, Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 9P3. A Public Information Town Hall Meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. on December 7, 2000 for those parties not wishing, or able, to participate in the 2000 Annual Review.
- 2. WKP will arrange for publication of the attached Notice of Annual Review, as soon as possible but no later than November 10, 2000, in such appropriate local news publications in the service area of the Utility so as to provide adequate notice to the public.
- 3. WKP is to provide copies of its Application and this Order to all parties who registered in the 1999 Annual Review and Negotiated Settlement Process.

4. WKP is to provide copies of this Order, with an appropriate notice, to all of its wholesale and large industrial customers.
5. The Application and supporting materials are to be made available for inspection at the Head Office of West Kootenay Power Ltd., 1290 Esplanade, Trail, B.C., V1R 4L4; and at its District Offices located at Castlegar, Creston, Grand Forks, Kelowna (both Benvoulin Road and Gordon Road), Oliver, Penticton, Trail and Warfield, B.C.

The Application and supporting materials are also to be available for inspection at the office of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, 6th Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3.

6. Those persons wishing to participate in the 2000 Annual Review are to advise the Commission Secretary of their intention to do so, in writing, no later than November 24, 2000.
7. Participants requesting additional information from WKP should do so as soon as possible. After receipt of the material, WKP is directed to use its best efforts to respond in a timely manner to information requests.
8. Participants intending to apply for Participant Assistance must do so consistent with the Commission's Policy and Rate Sheet as outlined in Order No. G-97-98. Copies of the Participant Assistance Policy and Rate Sheet will be sent, upon request, to parties registering with the Commission.
9. Persons intending to participate, and who are uncertain about procedures, may contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, as follows:

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B.C. Toll Free:

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DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 2nd day of November 2000.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair

Attachment

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**WEST KOOTENAY POWER LTD.
2001 REVENUE REQUIREMENTS**

**Notice of Annual Review
and
Public Information Town Hall Meeting**

Under the terms of the West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") 2000-2002 Settlement Agreement, approved by Commission Order No.G-134-99, the British Columbia Utilities Commission holds an Annual Review of the operation of the settlement and proposed rate adjustments with WKP and interested parties. WKP will be filing its Preliminary 2001 Revenue Requirements Application with the Commission by November 10, 2000. The public is invited to examine the material, submit other issues for determination by the Commission, and meet to review all issues at an Annual Review Meeting.

The Commission will hold the 2000 Annual Review of WKP's Preliminary 2001 Revenue Requirements material on Thursday, December 7, 2000, commencing at 8:30 a.m., in the Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort and Conference Centre, 1310 Water Street, Kelowna, B.C. A Public Information Town Hall Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2000 in the same location for those parties not wishing or able to participate in the Annual Review. WKP representatives will attend both meetings to answer questions from customers and interested parties.

WKP is to provide copies of the Preliminary 2001 Revenue Requirements Application to all parties wishing to participate in the Annual Review. Those persons wishing to participate in the Annual Review are to advise the Commission Secretary of their intention to do so, in writing, no later than Friday, November 24, 2000 as follows:

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Copies of the Application will also be available for inspection at the Head Office of West Kootenay Power Ltd., 1290 Esplanade, Trail, B.C.; at its District Offices (located at Castlegar, Creston, Grand Forks, Kelowna [both Benvoulin Road and Gordon Road], Oliver, Penticton, Trail and Warfield, B.C.) and at the office of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, 6th Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

For further information, call the Commission Secretary (Toll Free) at 1-800-663-1385 or (604) 660-4700.