

BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Order

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C-9-01

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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 Voltage Conversion Project in the Village of Warfield

| BEFORE: | P. Ostergaard, Chair           | ) |                |
|---------|--------------------------------|---|----------------|
|         | P.G. Bradley, Commissioner     | ) | August 9, 2001 |
|         | B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner | ) | _              |

## CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

## WHEREAS:

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- A. On July 25, 2001, West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") applied to the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for approval to convert its 2.4 kV electrical distribution system in the Village of Warfield to a 12.47 kV system and connect it to the new Stoney Creek substation, pursuant to Sections 45 and 46 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"); and
- B. The existing 2.4 kV electrical distribution system has exceeded its normal useful service life, is at or beyond its thermal capacity and is required to be rebuilt to a 12.47 kV wye configuration at an estimated cost pursuant to this application of \$650,000; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the costs, timing and justification of the project and finds that it should be approved.

## **NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission approves, pursuant to Section 45 of the Act, the issuance of a CPCN to WKP to rebuild the electrical distribution system in the Village of Warfield at an estimated cost of \$650,000 and connect the system to the new Stoney Creek substation and to salvage the existing Warfield substation.

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2. WKP is to provide the Commission with a final report and summary of actual costs on completion of the project.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2001.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard Chair