



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  
to Install a Substation in The Corporation of the Village of Slocan

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner ) October 11, 2001

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On August 29, 2001, West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") applied to the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to install a substation in The Corporation of the Village of Slocan ("the Village"), pursuant to Sections 45 and 46 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"); and
- B. The existing substation capacity in the Village has become overloaded as a result of customer growth and the addition of new industrial load. A new substation is required to be built on a new site at an estimated cost of \$1,130,000, with an in-service date of December 31, 2001; and
- C. On August 8, 2001, WKP briefed the Mayor and Council of the Village on the proposed substation and subsequently held a public information session for the Village on August 23, 2001. No participants expressed opposition to the project; and
- D. On October 1, 2001, WKP responded to a Commission information request and, on October 10, 2001, WKP supplied additional information with regard to the public consultation process; and
- E. The Commission is satisfied that WKP has given the public and the local government adequate information about the project; and
- F. The Commission has reviewed the costs, timing of and justification for the project and finds that it should be approved.

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

1. The Commission grants, pursuant to Section 45 of the Act, a CPCN to WKP to build a new substation on a new site in the Village at an estimated cost of \$1,130,000, with an in-service date of December 31, 2001.
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 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2001.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Peter Ostergaard  
Chair