



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

and

An Application by West Kootenay Power Ltd.
(now UtiliCorp Networks Canada (British Columbia) Ltd.)
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for an Intergraph Automated Mapping/Facilities Management System

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner)
R.D. Deane, Commissioner) November 8, 2001
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner)

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 29, 2001, West Kootenay Power Ltd., now known as UtiliCorp Networks Canada (British Columbia) Ltd. ("UNC"), applied to the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for approval of its Intergraph Automated Mapping/Facilities Management ("AM/FM") system upgrade project, pursuant to Section 45 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"). The AM/FM project will convert the existing outdated AM/FM system, and will reduce operating and maintenance expenses as well as increasing utility revenue; and
- B. The AM/FM project is expected to cost \$1.86 million, with installation, conversion of existing data and testing to be completed by May 2002; and
- C. On October 31, 2001, UNC responded to a Commission staff information request; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the costs, timing and justification for the AM/FM project and has determined that approval of the project is in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 45 of the Act, a CPCN is granted to UNC for its Intergraph AM/FM system upgrade project in accordance with the August 29, 2001 application.

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2. UNC is to provide the Commission with a final project and cost report on completion of the project.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of November 2001.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair