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BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER G-143-01

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

and

An Application by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
for Amendments to Rate Schedule 1854

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner )  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner ) December 19, 2001  
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Commission Order No. G-65-01 approved for British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (“B.C. Hydro”) Rate Schedule 1854 – Power Smart Industrial Rate as a pilot program effective July 1, 2001 to July 31, 2002. Order No. G-65-01 also approved Tariff Supplement No. 59, the Power Smart Industrial Rate Pilot Program Agreement; and
- B. Rate Schedule 1854 provided for 6-month firm and three and 6-month non-firm pricing options; and
- C. In a letter dated October 1, 2001, the Joint Industry Electricity Steering Committee (“JIESC”) requested that the Commission instruct B.C. Hydro to offer prices for non-firm low load hour and high load hour energy for the 3-month pricing period starting in November 2001, as indicated in the Electric Tariff; and
- D. In a letter dated October 18, 2001, B.C. Hydro stated that, at prevailing market prices for electricity, B.C. Hydro and its ratepayers would be financially harmed if it offered the 6-month firm and the 3-month non-firm options; and
- E. The JIESC’s request was denied by the Commission Letter No. L-39-01 dated November 8, 2001; and
- F. The Commission, in Letter No. L-40-01, invited B.C. Hydro to consider modifying the winter and firm pricing options to avoid similar problems in the future; and

G. On December 14, 2001, B.C. Hydro filed an application to amend the pricing to incorporate a 25 percent winter peak premium and a 35 percent firm premium relative to the non-firm low load hour base price; and

H. The Commission has reviewed the B.C. Hydro application and finds that approval is in the public interest.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission approves for B.C. Hydro the amendments to Rate Schedule 1854, as applied for in its December 14, 2001 filing, effective the date of this Order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2001.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Peter Ostergaard  
Chair