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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

and

An Application by the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre
for a Participant Assistance Cost Award regarding the
UtiliCorp Networks Canada (British Columbia) Ltd. (formerly West Kootenay Power Ltd.)
Application for its Preliminary 2002 Revenue Requirements and the 2001 Annual Review

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) January 31, 2002
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On January 18, 2002, the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre ("BCPIAC") applied for a participant assistant cost award for their participation in the UtiliCorp Networks Canada (British Columbia) Ltd. ("UNC") Application for its Preliminary 2002 Revenue Requirements and the 2001 Annual Review; and
- B. The Commission has determined that BCPIAC's participation in the UNC proceeding warrants reimbursement in accordance with the Commission's approved guidelines; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the application with regard to the participant assistance criteria and rates set out in Commission Order No. G-23-01 and has determined that for this proceeding it will reimburse only one expert consultant at the maximum reimbursement rate of \$1,200/day. BCPIAC's second consultant will be reimbursed at a rate of \$1,000/day for the one day billed.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission awards funds to BCPIAC in the amount of \$10,369.42 for participating in the UNC proceeding.
- 2. UNC is directed to reimburse BCPIAC for the total amount awarded in a timely fashion.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of February 2002.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair