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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-78-03

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

and

**British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application for a Net Metering Rate
Rate Schedule 1289**

BEFORE: R.H. Hobbs, Chair)
L.A. Boychuk, Commissioner) November 27, 2003
L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 22, 2003, the Commission issued Letter No. L-37-03 (available for reference at www.bcuc.com) directing British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") to file a net metering tariff application by November 3, 2003; and
- B. The Commission directed BC Hydro in Letter No. L-37-03 to consult with other agencies and interest groups as appropriate to develop its net metering tariff application; and
- C. On November 3, 2003, BC Hydro applied to the Commission for approval of Rate Schedule 1289 – Net Metering ("the Application").

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Sections 60 and 61 of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. A written public hearing process be established according to the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order.
- 2. BC Hydro must provide a copy of this Order no later than Friday, December 5, 2003 to all Stakeholders listed on Page A-15 of its Application. BC Hydro must also notify its customers of the applied-for new Net Metering Rate Schedule 1289 by posting a notice of the Application and the Regulatory Timetable, to be reviewed with Commission staff in advance of posting. The notice should be posted on the BC Hydro website and in the Vancouver Sun, Province and Times Colonist newspapers.
- 3. Commission staff will submit initial written information requests to BC Hydro by Friday, December 12, 2003.
- 4. Intervenor and Interested Parties are to inform the Commission in writing, by Friday, December 19, 2003, of their intention to actively intervene in the proceeding or to become Interested Parties. BC Hydro is to

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provide all Registered Intervenors with copies of the Application, all correspondence and filed documentation. BC Hydro is to provide all Interested Parties with copies of the Application and all Orders issued.

5. Information requests from Intervenors about issues concerning the Application are to be filed with BC Hydro, other Intervenors and the Commission by Friday, January 9, 2004.
6. BC Hydro shall respond to all information requests no later than Friday, January 16, 2004.
7. Intervenors may submit written submission on the Application to BC Hydro, other Intervenors and the Commission by Friday, January 23, 2004.
8. BC Hydro shall reply to the written submissions of Intervenors by Friday, January 30, 2004, after which time the Commission will make its decision on the Application.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, 28th day of November 2003.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert H. Hobbs
Chair

Attachment

BC HYDRO AND POWER AUTHORITY
Net Metering Application – Rate Schedule 1289

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATES
BC Hydro Posts Notification of its Application	Friday, December 5, 2003
Filing of Commission Information Requests	Friday, December 12, 2003
Intervenor Registration	Friday, December 19, 2003
Filing of Intervenor Information Requests	Friday, January 9, 2004
BC Hydro to Respond to all Information Requests	Friday, January 16, 2004
Intervenor Written Submissions to BC Hydro	Friday, January 23, 2004
BC Hydro Reply to Written Submissions	Friday, January 30, 2004