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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-42-04

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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
2004/05 and 2005/06 Revenue Requirements Application
and
British Columbia Transmission Corporation
Application for Deferral Accounts**

BEFORE: R.H. Hobbs, Chair)
L.A. Boychuk, Commissioner) April 19, 2004
M. Birch, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") filed on December 15, 2003, pursuant to the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), an application to increase its rates by 7.23 percent effective April 1, 2004 and by 2.00 percent effective April 1, 2005 ("the Application"); and
- B. British Columbia Transmission Corporation filed on December 15, 2003, pursuant to the Act, an application for approval of certain deferral accounts ("the BCTC Application"); and
- C. By Letter No. L-1-04 the Commission determined that the BCTC Application be heard at the same time as BC Hydro's Application and that there will be one record for both Applications; and
- D. Following a Pre-hearing Conference held on January 14, 2004, the Commission issued Order No. G-7-04 which established a regulatory timetable to deal with the Applications; and
- E. By Order No. G-8-04, the Commission approved an increase of 7.23 percent in BC Hydro's revenue requirements and a reduction to certain wholesale customers service rates to be applied to rates on an interim basis as described in Appendix B to the Application effective April 1, 2004, subject to refund with interest; and
- F. On March 29, 2004, BC Hydro revised its Application to seek an additional increase in rates of 1.67 percent (for a total rate increase in 2004 of 8.9 percent) to be effective 30 days after the Commission's Decision on the Application and withdrew the 2.00 percent rate increase requested effective April 1, 2005; and

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- G. On March 31, 2004, BC Hydro filed both its 2004 Integrated Electricity Plan ("IEP") and its Resource Expenditure and Acquisition Plan ("REAP"); and
- H. On April 6, 2004 the Commission held a second Pre-hearing Conference. By Letter No. L-25-04, the Commission addressed the issues that were raised at the second Pre-hearing Conference and provided that the Regulatory Timetable established by Order G-7-04 would be revised by a further Order subject to a determination of whether or not it would be necessary to commence the Opening Statements on May 12 or May 13. Letter No. L-25-04 also refers to further determinations made by the Commission Panel; and
- I. An order is required that amends the Regulatory Timetable established by Order No. G-7-04 and provides for the Commission determinations made following the second Pre-hearing Conference.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The public hearing into the Applications will commence at 9:00 a.m. on May 18, 2004 on the 4th Floor, 855 Homer Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5S2.
2. A Revised Regulatory Timetable for the Applications is attached as Appendix A to this Order.
3. The section 45(6.2) review of the REAP will be heard as part of this proceeding.
4. The Georgia Strait Crossing Concerned Citizens Coalition ("GSXCCC") request for directions to BC Hydro regarding information responses, Exhibit B1-11, GSXCCC Information Request No.1.3.2 (BCH) and 1.6.2 (BCH) is declined.
5. Final Argument is to be in writing. The time for the delivery of Final Argument begins to run from the last day of the evidentiary phase of the proceedings and is as follows:

BC Hydro and BCTC Argument	three weeks
Intervenors Argument	three weeks
BC Hydro and BCTC Reply Argument	two weeks
Oral Phase of Argument	second Tuesday after filing of Reply Argument

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 20th day of April 2004.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert H. Hobbs
Chair

Attachment

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Project No. 3698360 – Order No. G-84-03
2004/05 and 2005/06 Revenue Requirements Application
and
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REVISED REGULATORY TIMETABLE

HEARING LOCATION: 4th Floor
855 Homer Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5S2

ACTION	DATE 2004
Participant Notice to Commission Counsel re: intention to make an Opening Statement	Wednesday, April 14
Intervenor and BCUC Information Requests to BC Hydro and BCTC	Thursday, April 15
Intervenor Evidence	Tuesday, April 20
Intervenor Notice re: Interest Rate and Foreign Exchange Rate Assumptions	Thursday, April 22
BCUC and Participants Information Requests to Intervenors	Monday, April 26
Participant Notice to Commission Counsel regarding Time Estimate for Opening Statement	Friday, May 7
Intervenor Responses to BCUC and Participants and BC Hydro and BCTC Responses to BCUC and Intervenors	Friday, May 7
Opening Statements: BC Hydro, BCTC and Intervenors	Thursday, May 13
BC Hydro: Consolidation of Issues	Friday, May 14
BC Hydro and BCTC Rebuttal Evidence	Monday, May 17 - 9:00 a.m.
Commission Panel publishes Hearing Issues	Monday, May 17 - 1:00 p.m.
Hearing Commences	Tuesday, May 18