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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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NUMBER** G-43-04

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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
Application to Amend the Electric Tariff to Define the Basic Charge**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) April 22, 2004

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 22, 2004, the Commission issued Letter No. L-12-04 advising of an apparent inconsistency between the Electric Tariff of British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") and the method of determining the Basic Charge on customer bills; and
- B. The Commission directed BC Hydro in Letter No. L-12-04 to advise the Commission of the remedial measures that BC Hydro proposed to take to correct the inconsistency or, if the new billing calculation could be shown to be an improvement to the Electric Tariff, to apply for appropriate tariff changes; and
- C. On March 17, 2004, BC Hydro responded to Letter No. L-12-04 advising that the new billing method was the most cost-effective method with new billing software that BC Hydro had acquired, that no harm would be done to customers under the new billing method, and that BC Hydro intended to apply for a change to the Electric Tariff; and
- D. On April 6, 2004, BC Hydro applied to add a definition of Basic Charge to the Electric Tariff to make it consistent with the new billing method; and
- E. The Commission has reviewed the Application and is satisfied that approval is in the public interest.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission approves for BC Hydro the changes to the Electric Tariff proposed in its April 6, 2004 Application to amend the Electric Tariff to define the Basic Charge and include prorated daily charges.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of April 2004.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Len F. Kelsey
Commissioner