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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-2-04**

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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) May 3, 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. Allwest Reporting Ltd. (“Allwest”) has incurred costs on behalf of the Commission for court reporting and other functions related to the second Pre-hearing Conference; and
- J. The Commission has reviewed the expenses of Allwest and has verified them to be appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 117 of the Act, the Commission awards funds to Allwest for its services in support of the BC Hydro second pre-hearing conference in the amount of \$3,608.40.
2. BC Hydro is directed to reimburse Allwest Reporting Ltd. for the total amount awarded in a timely fashion.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of May 2004.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert H. Hobbs
Chair

