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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-17-04**

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

and

**Applications for Participant Assistance Cost Awards regarding the
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
M.P. Birch, Commissioner

December 17, 2004

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 15, 2003 British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") filed its 2004/05 and 2005/06 Revenue Requirements Application to increase its rates by 7.23 percent effective April 1, 2004 and by 2.00 percent effective April 1, 2005. On December 15, 2003 British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") filed an application for approval of certain deferral accounts; and
- B. By Letter No. L-1-04 the Commission determined that the BCTC Application would be heard at the same time as BC Hydro's Application ("the Applications") and there would be one record for both Applications; and
- C. The oral public hearing into the Applications commenced on May 18, 2004 and the oral evidentiary phase concluded on June 10, 2004. Written arguments were filed in accordance with the Regulatory Timetable established by Order No. G-42-04 with oral argument taking place on August 17, 2004 and on August 31, 2004; and
- D. On October 29, 2004 the Commission by Order No. G-96-04 issued its Decision on the Applications; and

E. After the conclusion of the public hearing the following intervenors and active participants in the proceedings made applications for Participant Assistance Cost Awards:

Intervenor	Date of Application	Requested Funding
BC Citizens for Public Power	July 9, 2004	\$11,523.30
Mr. Alan Wait	September 14, 2004	\$10,877.85
Sierra Club of Canada (BC Branch)	September 28, 2004	\$121,574.89
BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization <i>et al</i>	October 4, 2004	\$158,987.38
Joint Industry Electricity Steering Committee	September 30, 2004	\$349,682.07
Independent Power Association of BC	September 22, 2004	\$289,241.55
Commercial Energy Consumers	September 27, 2004	\$292,866.05

F. The Commission has reviewed the Participant Assistance Cost Award applications with regard to the criteria and rates set out in Commission Order No. G-15-04.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission awards funds to the following for their participation in the BC Hydro 2004/05 and 2005/06 Revenue Requirements Application and the BCTC Application for Deferral Accounts:

Intervenor	Funding Award
BC Citizens for Public Power	\$0.00
Mr. Alan Wait	\$10,877.85
Sierra Club of Canada (BC Branch)	\$121,574.89
BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization <i>et al</i>	\$158,987.38
Joint Industry Electricity Steering Committee	\$261,955.07
Independent Power Association of BC	\$195,129.97
Commercial Energy Consumers	\$241,117.22

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BC Hydro and BCTC are required to reimburse the above noted participants for total amounts awarded in a timely fashion, as soon as possible and prior to December 31, 2004.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 21st day of December 2004.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lori Ann Boychuk
Commissioner