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UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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

and

**An Application by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
for Transmission Service Rates**

BEFORE: R. H. Hobbs, Chair April 7, 2005
R.W. Whitehead, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 10, 2005, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") applied to the Commission for approval of Transmission Service Rates ("Application"); and
- B. The Commission reviewed the Application and established a Procedural Conference to be held on April 7, 2005 to determine the further process and timetable for reviewing the Application; and
- C. Participants at the Procedural Conference submitted that there was a significant possibility of a negotiated settlement on issues in the Application and asked that the Commission establish a Workshop and Negotiated Settlement Process ("NSP").

NOW THEREFORE the Commission Orders as follows:

- 1. BC Hydro is to respond to Commission Information Requests issued on April 7, 2005 by April 22, 2005.
- 2. BC Hydro will host a Workshop on the Application from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on April 27, 2005. Following the Workshop, a NSP will be held in accordance with the NSP Guidelines dated January 2001. The NSP will begin at 1:30 p.m. also on April 27, 2005. The Workshop and NSP will be held on the Third Floor, 855 Homer Street, Vancouver, B.C.

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3. A Procedural Conference will be held on May 18, 2005 commencing at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room on the Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.
2. Parties wishing to intervene in the NSP or any subsequent proceeding to review the Application should inform the Commission, in writing, by Tuesday, April 15, 2005 of their intention to intervene.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of April 2005.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert H. Hobbs
Chair