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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 for Second Year of Conservation Research Initiative Residential Time of Use Pilot Program

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner

> P.E. Vivian, Commissioner October 4, 2007

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 28, 2006, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") filed an application ("Application"), pursuant to Sections 58 through 61 of the Utilities Commission Act for approval of a set of residential Time of Use ("TOU") rates to be offered under the Conservation Research Initiative ("CRI") TOU program on an optional basis; and
- B. Pursuant to Commission Letter No. L-48-06, a workshop and Negotiated Settlement Process ("NSP") discussions were held on Tuesday, September 12, 2006; and
- C. By letter dated September 14, 2006, BC Hydro proposed certain amendments to its Application to address comments received from Intervenors during the NSP; and
- D. On September 29, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. G-120-06 approving the Application as amended by BC Hydro's September 14, 2006 letter; and
- F. Commission Order No. G-120-06 also directed BC Hydro to conduct meaningful consultations with stakeholders through an Advisory Committee and to incorporate the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, as appropriate, into any proposed redesign of CRI TOU rates for the second year of the two-year term of the program; and

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- G. The Advisory Committee was composed of substantially all of the Intervenors who took part in the NSP on September 12, 2006. BC Hydro and the Advisory Committee held four meetings between January and June 2007 and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee were substantially agreed to by BC Hydro; and
- H. On August 20, 2007, BC Hydro filed an application for the second year of the CRI TOU Pilot Program (the "Application"). The Application requested approval of two new Critical Peak Pricing ("CPP") rates, a revision to an existing TOU rate shortening the number of hours in the peak period, changes to Tariff Supplement No. 73 required as a consequence of introducing CPP rates, and revisions to existing TOU rates; and
- I. BC Hydro reports that all members of the Advisory Committee have indicated that they either support, or accept, the proposals in the Application.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission approves BC Hydro's Application as filed on August 20, 2007.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 10th day of October 2007.

BY ORDER

Original signed by

L.F. Kelsey Commissioner