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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission Act, S.B.C. 1980, c. 60, as amended

and

IN THE MATTER OF Commission Order No. G-15-90

BEFORE:

J.D.V. Newlands,
Deputy Chairman;

W.M. Swanson, Q.C.,
Commissioner; and
K.L. Hall,
Commissioner

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March 26, 1990
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ORDER

WHEREAS Commission Order No. G-15-90 set down West Kootenay Power Ltd.'s ("WKP") November 30, 1989 revenue requirements Application for a public hearing to commence April 3, 1990 at Rossland, B.C. and appointed a Division of the Commission to conduct the Hearing; and

WHEREAS the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 213, ("IBEW") removed labour services from WKP operations on March 23, 1990 and WKP's Office and Technical Employees Union, Local 378 is respecting the IBEW legal picket line; and

WHEREAS by letter dated March 26, 1990 WKP requested that the Commission postpone the public hearing into its rate application due to the IBEW labour dispute; and

WHEREAS the Commission has considered the WKP request and finds that a postponement of the WKP public hearing is in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The public hearing into WKP's revenue requirements Application is postponed.
- 2. The public hearing will be rescheduled by the Division of the Commission at a later date.

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- 3. WKP will notify radio stations in its service area of the postponement of the public hearing.
- 4. WKP will expedite the publishing of Notice of Postponement of Public Hearing per attached copy, in the local newspapers of its service area.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this **2** b day of March, 1990.

BY ORDER

W.M. Swanson, Q.C. Commissioner and Acting Chairman of

the Division

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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Application and Public Hearing

West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") applied to the Commission on November 30, 1989 for a 6.9% general rate increase applied uniformly to all classes of service effective with consumption on and after January 1, 1990. Commission Order No. G-15-90 set the Application down for a public hearing to commence on April 3, 1990 at Rossland, B.C.

The Labour Dispute

On March 23, 1990 the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers ("IBEW"), Local 213 withdrew labour services from WKP operations. WKP's Office and Technical Employees Union, Local 378, is respecting the legal picket line.

Postponement of Hearing

As a result of the IBEW labour dispute, WKP applied to the Commission on March 26, 1990 for a postponement of the public hearing. Commission Order No. G-24-90 ordered the postponement of the public hearing.

Clarification

Persons wishing clarification may contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary or Mr. B. McKinlay, Manager, Rates and Finance - Electrical by telephone at 660-4700 or 1-800-663-1385.

BY ORDER

Robert J. Pellatt Commission Secretary

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